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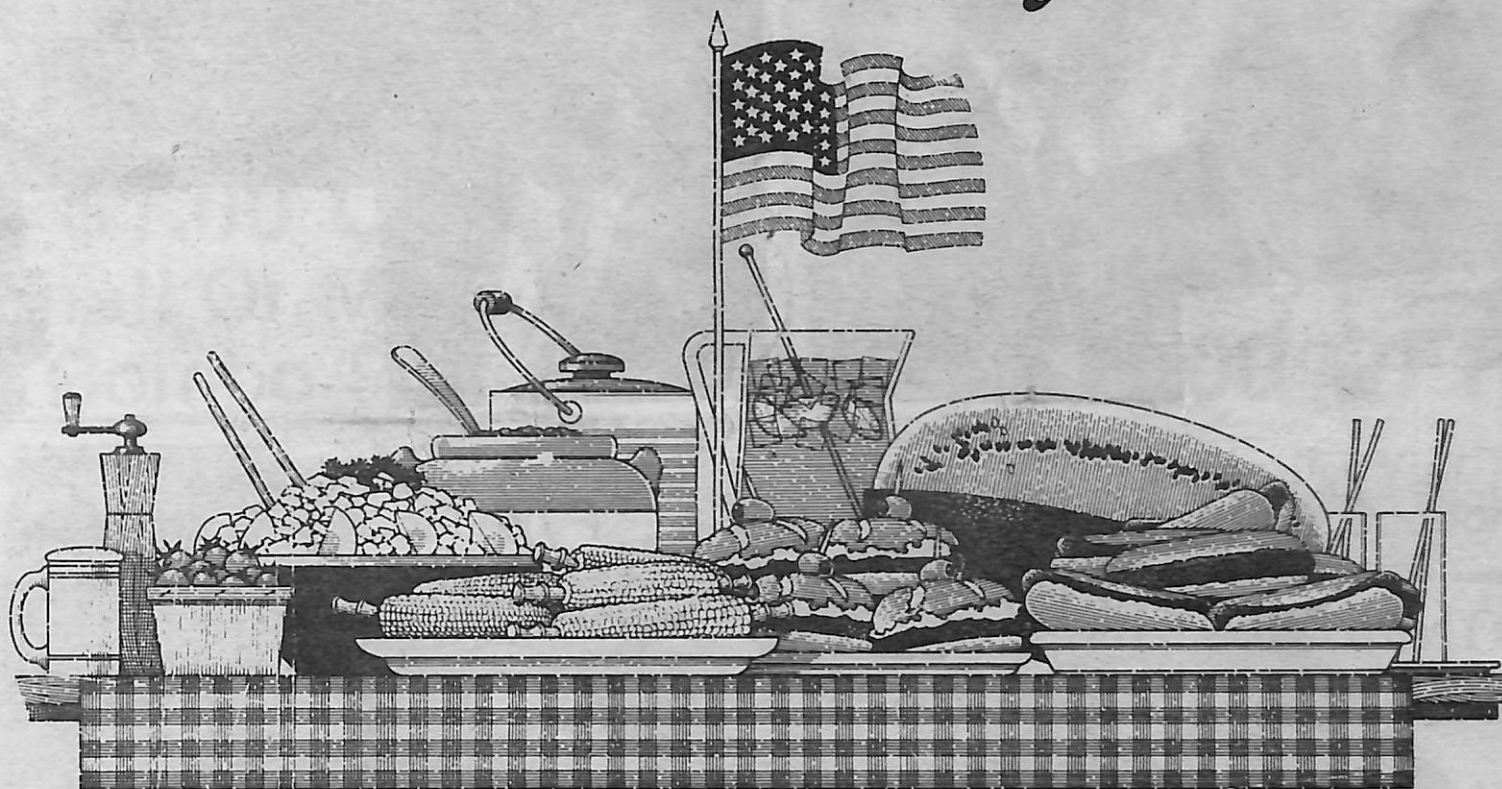
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Retirement Party For Ruth Bitzas...

A Note To Our Subscribers:

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ON SATURDAY, MAY 6TH, a party was held at The Oaks in Agawam in honor of retired Veterans' Agent Ruth Carr Bitzas (front row, center). Pictured above with Bitzas are members of her family and various civic leaders: back row — Town Council President Robert Magovern, Councilor George Bitzas, Gary Fields (son), Lynn Stapleton (daughter), Kurt Fields (son), Christopher Johnson, and Peter Pappas; front row — Mayor Richard Cohen, Harry Bitzas (Ruth's husband), and Donald Rheault. (See related photos on Page 2.) Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Honoring Retired Vets' Agent Ruth Bitzas...



IN TOP PHOTOS: left — Ruth Carr Bitzas with Robert Cahillane, MVSAA President; right — Mayor Richard Cohen, Jessie Fuller (Vets' Council Vice-Chairwoman), Bitzas, Priscilla Peterson, and Christopher Sanchez (Vets' Council Chairman). IN PHOTOS BELOW: left — Bitzas with Peter Pappas (WMVSAA President) and Thomas Kelley (Mass. Dept. of Veterans' Services); right — Bitzas with Mayor Cohen and State Rep. Dan Keenan. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



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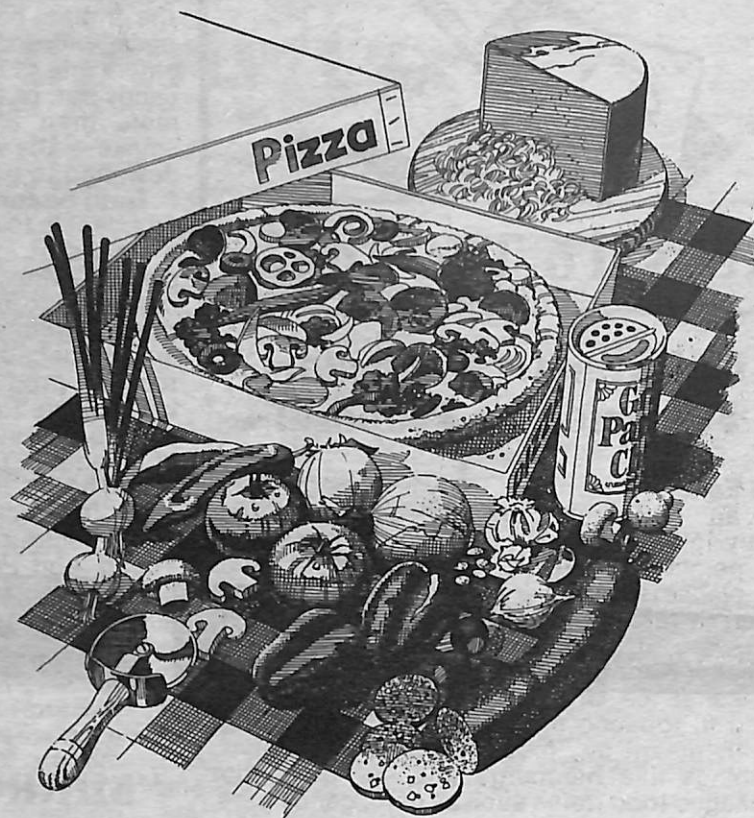
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Letters To The Editor

It's Unfortunate Councilors Fell For Smoking Proposal

To The Editor:

Per an ordinance that became effective February 15th, smoking of tobacco products is no longer permitted in restaurants and most other public places in Agawam. Smoking is allowed, however, in retail tobacco stores that don't sell food.

Councilor Kent Servis feels it was an unintended consequence of the ordinance to disallow smoking in tobacco stores that sell food. What was really meant by "food," according to Servis, were things like hamburgers and hot dogs, not prepackaged food items such as gum, candy bars, or Twinkies.

As such, he submitted a proposal to the City Council requesting that smoking be allowed in tobacco shops that sell food, provided the food is prepackaged and its sale is incidental to the main business of the store.

This presupposes, of course, that the main business of a retail tobacco store is the sale of tobacco products. What else could the main business of a tobacco store be? At a recent Ordinance Committee meeting regarding the proposed change, the owner of one of the affected businesses complained about losing some of his Keno customers to bars since smoking isn't allowed in his store under the current ban because he sells food items. When asked what type of business he considered his store to be, he said it was a tobacco store, although he readily admitted that his revenue from Keno and Lottery sales far outweighs revenue from tobacco sales. A prudent person would have to conclude, therefore, that Keno and Lottery sales are this store's main business, not tobacco sales. As such, this establishment would not be exempt from the smoking ban, even under Councilor Servis' proposed amendment.

At the last City Council meeting, which came a few days after the last Ordinance Committee meeting, councilors voted in favor of Servis' proposal by a margin of 7 to 3, with one abstention. Councilor Simpson, who voted against the proposal, suggested that a retail tobacco shop needs to be defined in the ordinance because the absence of a definition makes it difficult to implement and enforce the rules. Her request fell upon deaf ears.

Because the Council deemed it unnecessary to define a retail tobacco store in the ordinance, it appears that retail stores whose main source of income is from something other than tobacco sales (Keno and Lottery sales, for example) will nonetheless be considered a tobacco store and exempt from the smoking ban simply because they (1) legally sell tobacco products, (2) sell only prepackaged foods, and (3) choose to call themselves a tobacco store. How ludicrous!

Lost in all of this is the original intent of the smoking ban — to protect the public from the hazards of second-hand smoke. Councilor Servis

claims the intent of his proposal is not to weaken the original ban, but *that* is precisely what his proposal will do. If a customer — adult or child — enters one of these stores to buy a pack of gum, a candy bar, or a bag of potato chips, he or she will more than likely be exposed to second-hand smoke — the very thing the current ordinance was designed to protect against.

Truth be told, the impetus for Councilor Servis' proposal is to use the tobacco store exemption as a means of allowing customers to smoke while playing Keno. If these retail stores stopped selling tobacco products, then the Keno players at these establishments would not be allowed to smoke because the exemption applies only if tobacco products are sold there. Since smoking isn't allowed at bingo halls in town, why should smoking be allowed in stores whose main source of income is from Keno and Lottery sales?

It's unfortunate that a majority of the councilors fell hook, line, and sinker for Councilor Servis' specious proposal. Councilors Simpson, Young, and Perry, on the other hand, should be commended for seeing the folly of this proposal and voting against it.

Mike Marieb
Feeding Hills

"MIRROR" Editor-In-Chief Responds To Teachers' Letter

To The Editor:

In response to the letter from the teacher members of the AHS School Council, I offer the following:

To begin with, never once did I make an implication that the teacher members of this council didn't encourage student input. The issue has always been over student voting, let's not confuse the two.

As far as the allegations that the article published in *Unlisted* contains "misinformation," I welcome any of you to point out any false information. I believe if you take the time to read over the article, it is apparent that there may be a difference of opinion, rather than this so-called "misinformation." The letter I was presented with, however, contains several examples of false information. For instance, it was stated that, "over a dozen students..." just showed up and voted at the first meeting I attended. I am curious to know the names of these students, seeing Annie and I were the only new students present, appointed by Principal Zabielski.

Furthermore, the only "ludicrous" goings-on have been the handling of the reached agreement by certain council members. The day after the agreement was reached, two members stood outside my homeroom complaining about the fact that they weren't involved in this decision-making progress. I, along with several other classmates, could hear them going on and on about how, "this wasn't over yet." Along with this, one of the council members has even resorted to discussing things about me in the presence of some of my own teachers. If you ask me, conduct like this coming from a professional is beyond "ludicrous."

Nevertheless, this so-called "battle" is over. I stood up for what I believed in, and in the process brought to light many violations that have occurred on this council. This, in my opinion, stands on its own.

Sincerely,

Kristen A. Kocot

Editor-in-Chief of the AHS "MIRROR"

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Town Council Agenda For Regular Meeting Of Monday, June 5th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 5/15/2000
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-2000-20- A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of John J. Chriscola, Jr., 41 Channel Dr., Aga., MA to the Liquor Licensing Commission for a Term Expiring the First Monday of June of the Year 2005 (Mayor)(Tabled on 5/15/2000).

2. TR-2000-22- A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Jay O'Sullivan, B1 Elizabeth Manor, Aga., MA to the Veterans' Council for a Term Expiring April 1, 2002 (Mayor)(Tabled on 5/15/2000).

3. TR-2000-23- A Resolution Authorizing the Discontinuance of a Portion of Agawam Shopping Court (Mayor)(Tabled on 5/15/2000).

4. TR-2000-24- A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Convey a 6,269 sq. ft. Parcel of Land, Being the Discontinued Portion of Agawam Shopping Court, to Franklin Realty Company or its Nominee (Mayor)(Tabled on 5/15/2000).

5. TR-2000-25- A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Permanent Easement Over the 6,269 sq. ft. Discontinued Parcel of Land, Being a Portion of Agawam Shopping Court (Mayor)(Tabled on 5/15/2000).

6. TR-2000-26- A Resolution Accepting a Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners Grant in the Amount of One Million Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars (\$1,870,407.00) for the Construction of the Expansion and Renovation of the Agawam Public Library (Mayor).

7. TR-2000-27- A Resolution Authorizing a Loan Order in the Amount of Four Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,250,000.00) for the Construction of the Expansion and Renovation of the Agawam Public Library (Mayor).

8. TR-2000-28- A Resolution Authorizing the Lease or Rental of Real Estate Within the City of Agawam for the Temporary Location of the Agawam Public Library Until the Construction of the Expansion and Renovation of the Agawam Public Library is Completed (Mayor).

9. TR-2000-30-Resolution in Support of Adding 25 Million Dollars to the Medicaid Account in the FY01 Commonwealth Budget (Coun. Letellier, Mineo, Servis).

10. TR-2000-31- A Resolution to establish a special police force in the Town of Agawam (Coun. Rossi).

7. Report of Council Committees

None.

8. Elections

None.

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Old Business

(a)

1. TOR-2000-5-An Ordinance to Amend Ch. 36 entitled Smoking in Public Places (Coun. Morassi, Letellier, Rossi, Bonavita, Perry, Servis, Mineo, Young) Tabled on 5/1/2000 - Left on table 5/15/2000(1st Reading).

2. TOR-2000-6-An Ordinance to Amend Ch. 36 entitled Smoking in Public Places (Coun. Servis, Mineo, Perry)(2nd Reading).

3. TO-2000-40-Application for License for five (5) automatic amusement devices for Fun Farms LLC d/b/a The Sand Trap, 1399 Suffield St., Aga., MA

FireWise...

Is Your Number Up?

by Fire Chief David Pisano

The residents of Agawam are reminded that their homes must be clearly marked with the street numbers. These numbers must be clearly visible from the street and be of contrasting colors no less than three inches in size.

Many homes have undergone siding changes, and the numbers have been taken down and not replaced. In the event of the need for police or fire response, precious time is lost if the responding personnel have to search for the house numbers. This is critical in life-saving emergencies, especially at night when visibility is hindered.

Police Chief Robert Campbell and I want to emphasize the importance of having your home clearly numbered. We say, "If we cannot find you, we cannot help you."

Anyone with questions regarding these requirements can call either the Fire Department or the Police Department for information.

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School Budget Fully Funded...

Slight Increase In Property Tax

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In his first budget package, Mayor Richard A. Cohen is proposing a slight increase in property tax rates boosting town spending to \$56.5 million, an increase of 7.09 percent over last year. Water and sewer rates will remain the same; an override of Proposition 2½ will not be needed; nor will any new fees be created.

"I am very pleased with the budget and I hope the City Council will be, too," Cohen said. "There is absolutely no fluff or puff in this budget. This is a very fiscally responsible, conservative, and modest budget."

The budget reflects an increase in local aid from the state, steady property tax growth, and a modest increase in the property tax levy. Because the residential property tax dropped 89 cents last year, the net effect of this year's proposed increase will result in a property tax rate that will still be lower than in 1997, 1998, and 1999. The residential tax rate is expected to increase by 30 cents, Cohen said.

The commercial tax rate is expected to increase by 41 cents.

"I wanted to keep the services we provide as they are and that's what we're doing. What we're doing with that 30 cents is a lot; I wanted to have Mercedes services at Dodge prices," Cohen said. "I want to make sure the taxpayers' money is spent wisely."

During the preparation of the town budget and the School Department budget, Cohen directed Town Treasurer/Collector Laurel Placzek and Deputy School Superintendent Donald Charest to work together in order to eliminate the sense of having separate town and school budgets.

A Cooperative Effort

"I had Don (Charest) and Laurel (Placzek) working together so that we all know what everyone else is doing. This isn't the 'city' versus the 'schools'; this is the town working together. Everyone has to work together. That's what I'm trying to develop," Cohen said.

The largest area of increase (\$2,974,226) is the School Department, where spending will increase by 8.28 percent over last year. On the town side of the budget, spending will rise by a modest 3.52 percent to cover an increase in projected expenditures of \$548,391, as well as an increase of \$608,569 in benefits and insurance as a result of a 15 percent increase in health and dental premiums, and increased enrollment due to the many new positions in the School Department and an increase in Medex costs for town retirees.

"The theme of this year's budget is the elementary schools," Cohen said. "The previous administration renovated the schools and now it is time to take care of the schools on the inside."

The Mayor's budget fully funds the School Department request of \$24,369,418 (an increase of \$1,345,228) and includes an additional \$82,940 for the school councils, \$125,000 in capital improvement funding, and \$2,662,062 in debt service payments. The recommended level of school spending substantially exceeds the net school spending required by the 1993 education reform law, according to the Mayor.

Other highlights of the school budget include 12 new full-time staff positions; nine new part-time staff positions, and a new full-time clerical position. The new positions are being added to continue the commitment to improvements and to reduce class sizes throughout the school system, Cohen said.

Priority Of Continued Improvement

The budget reflects a clear priority of continued improvement in our public schools, while providing a balance between the need for additional spending with the desire to keep our property tax rates low. While the budget does include a small tax increase, the tax rates are expected to remain the lowest in the past five years, with the exception of last year, and should not place an unreasonable tax burden on our senior citizens and those living on fixed incomes, Cohen said.

Highlights from the town side of Cohen's spending proposal include:

- Two new police cruisers and one unmarked car
- Upgrades for three existing cruisers
- A new ambulance for the Fire Department
- \$370,000 for road repairs
- Continued sidewalk repairs
- Special projects in building maintenance
- \$100,000 for library expansion
- A new library assistant
- \$5,000 increase in book budget
- \$20,000 in parks improvement funding
- Reserve fund set at \$400,000
- Appropriation of \$350,000 to the stabilization fund.

The budget also proposes \$1,140,000 in capital improvement projects, including educational technology, road and sidewalk improvements, park improvements, funding for library expansion, a new GIS system, compute software upgrades, and implementation of new required financial reporting standards.

Town Council received the budget prior to its Monday, May 15th meeting and will have until June 30th to vote on the spending proposal. In the meantime, council subcommittees will meet to deliberate their assigned sections of the budget. The council cannot add funds to the budget. It must either make cuts to the Mayor's proposal or approve the budget as submitted.

The committee reviewing the budgets for several town departments, including Town Council, Mayor, Auditor, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, Law, Council on Aging, Data Processing, and Line Items will meet on Wednesday, May 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the first-floor conference room at Town Hall. The committee on the school budget will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria on Monday, June 5th, prior to the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

IT'S LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY: The AAN's annual "Graduation Issue" will be published on Thursday, June 22nd, featuring coverage of AHS and collegiate graduates and this year's scholarship recipients.

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Seven Possible Sites Under Consideration...

Site Assessment Committee Narrows Field For Town's New DPW Facility

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Just over a month ago, the DPW Facility Site Assessment Committee began the work of analyzing, identifying, and recommending sites to the Mayor for the long-awaited, perennially-promised new home for the public works department.

Appointed by Mayor Richard A. Cohen in conjunction with Town Council President Robert Magovern, the committee consists of elected and appointed town officials, town employees, and private citizens who are working toward developing and delivering a recommendation to the Mayor that includes the perspectives of a cross-section of the community.

An ex-officio member of the committee, Cohen said he is holding off on making any decisions until he has the benefit of the thoughts and ideas of the committee. He said he is purposely staying away from the meetings so that the committee can have their discussions and make their decisions without any influence from the Mayor's office.

"We have town councilors involved along with in-house people and citizens," Cohen said. "When everyone has been heard from, the committee is there to study the information and make their recommendations."

Town Council Vice-President Robert Young said the committee has been charged with selecting a site for a new DPW facility based on a list of seven criteria supplied by DPW Superintendent John P. Stone.

At their meeting on Tuesday evening, the committee narrowed down the sites under consideration to seven parcels located predominantly in the industrial areas of Shoemaker Lane and Garden Street, as well as sites on Rowley and Mill Streets.

Working from a map prepared by Town Assessor Chester Nicora, the committee zeroed in on five- to 10-acre parcels of vacant land, excluding golf courses, sports and social clubs, farms, and sites abutting residential areas.

Detailed Report Expected Within Two Weeks

Within the next two weeks, Stone is expected to present the committee with a report detailing available utilities, topography, usable land, and abutting uses for all seven parcels under consideration. "Now that we have it down to seven pieces of land, it won't be too unwieldy for further study," Stone said.

The assessment committee is basing its search for a new site for the DPW facility on these criteria:

1. A central location within a one-mile radius of the center of town as recommended in the 1978 Municipal Facility Plan in order to enhance the department's emergency response time and reduce fuel consumption and employee time lost

to travel. Should it be necessary to select a site outside the one-mile radius, the department is looking for something in the western portion of town, closer to critical areas of snow and ice control, such as Deep Gutter, May Hollow, and Southwick Mountain.

2. Minimum exposure of residential areas to the DPW operations and related noise.

3. Convenient and safe access for residents and employees with preference given to locations on or directly off an arterial or collector street for convenient access to all points in town.

4. A 10- to 20-acre site sufficient to meet current and future needs.

5. Availability of water and sewer service and provision for storm water drainage, retention, and treatment. Also, water system fire flows should be capable of providing the needed fire sprinkler protection for the new facility.

6. Well-drained, stable soil.

7. Minimum relocation impact on existing residents or businesses.

"We're not worrying about the financing of the project," Young said. "Our job is to recommend two or three sites to the Mayor, based on the criteria we have. It should take no more than six months, but I'm confident we'll be done well before that."

Even though a new DPW facility will come with a substantial price tag, Young is not worried about the town's ability to finance the project while the Agawam Public Library Expansion Project is also underway.

Not A Simple Project

"We're moving forward, but the new facility is not going to be here tomorrow. The big thing is this is a positive thing, getting a group like this together. It has been a long time coming, but if this were a simple project, it would have been done already," Young said.

Echoing Young's sentiments, Cohen said he doesn't see the project being completed any time soon. "The DPW project will happen, it's just a question of when so we can do the bonding for the project efficiently. Down the line we can look at the water and sewer rates to maintain the facility. Hopefully, I can get this done within my administration," Cohen said.

Once the town has the site, Cohen said he and Stone will work with a consultant to make sure the facility is designed with the work flow process in mind to make it both efficient and economical. "The cost will depend totally on the site we get. It doesn't have to be the Taj Mahal, but it does have to be efficient and planned so as to make sure it will still be efficient 10 to 20 years down the road," Cohen said.

Agawam Sister-City Commission Holds First Formal Meeting

The Agawam Sister-City Commission held its first formal meeting on Thursday, May 25th, since it was made a permanent commission by the City Council.

The newly-elected chairman, F. William Euliano, Jr., welcome 30 members to the meeting. Euliano said the larger group will help in the fundraising process, and he further stated that this permanent commission is an "all-star team of Agawam residents who exude a positive energy about the project."

The selection of a sister city — Reggio, Calabria — took nearly three years to complete.

"Our hardest task of raising advertising dollars for the 'Jubilee 2000' yearbook is now underway," remarked Euliano. "Letters have been sent to the business community, and the commissioners are now in the process of calling on each business."

He added, "We, as a commission, are unfunded; therefore, the need to raise money is a priority to insure that the group of 30 coming to visit from Reggio in October gets to experience our community at its very best."

"This 'Sister-City' project is the greatest experiment in international affairs the city has ever undertaken. I feel very honored to chair this commission because of the dedication and energy of its members, and look forward to working toward a successful visit by the delegation from Reggio, Calabria," concluded Euliano.

The commission members are as follows: Dr. Frank Ameruso, Anthony Bonavita, David Cecchi, Sylvia Deliso, Tom DeNardo, F. William Euliano, Jr., Susan Euliano, Linda Galarneau, Teresa Kozloski, Walter Letellier, Scott Letendre, Carmela Marzano, Marie Mazza, Frank Muzzy, Anna Mineo, Cyndi Negrucci, John Negrucci, Elaine O'Brien, John O'Brien, Rose Pepper, Andrew Poggi, Jr., Christian Quatrone, Robert Rossi, Louis Russo, Rosemary Sandlin, Joseph Tangocci, Nancy Thompson, Joseph Valenti, Mary Vasquez, and Joanne Willis.

For further information about the "Jubilee 2000" yearbook, call 786-0441.

Agawam Republicans' Breakfast On June 3rd

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold its June breakfast meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 3rd, at Oak Ridge Country Club.

The agenda will include reports from the Mass. State Republican Committee, discussions with local elected officials, and guest speaker Marshall Moriarty, candidate for Governor's Council.

The public is invited to attend and participate. Please contact committee chairman Scott Hibbert at 789-9800 or 786-2710 with any questions.

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Donation To Grady Scholarship...



OFFICER KAREN LANGEVIN (far left), secretary of the Police Association, presents a generous contribution for the **R. Kenneth Grady Memorial Scholarship** to **Robert Rossi**, treasurer of the Agawam Retired Employees and the Grady fund. Scholarship applicants have to be majoring in criminal justice. Looking on are **Marty Jerry** (scholarship committee member), **Anita Hastings** (secretary of the retirement fund), and **Ben McCullough** (scholarship committee member). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

— Memorial Day Calendar —

SUNDAY, MAY 28TH

Our Memorial Day services this year will be held at the Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main Street, Agawam. Again, we ask that veterans and friends join with us on Sunday in this beautiful church so we all can worship together.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES MONDAY, MAY 29TH

Time change this year (please note): We have backed up our ceremonies a little to add in the South Westfield Street Cemetery this year because of the new flagpole which was dedicated last year.

7:30 a.m.: World War I Memorial (located directly in front of the American Legion, Post 185).

8:00 a.m.: Springfield Street Cemetery (across from Sacred Heart Church).

8:30 a.m.: South Westfield Street Cemetery (across from Shoemaker Lane).

9:00 a.m.: Agawam Center Cemetery (across from St. John's Church).

10:00 a.m.: **PARADE!** Assembly point will be Southworth Paper Company. Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. for a one-mile march down Main Street to the Veterans' Green. A ceremony will follow.

By Appointment Only...

Hazardous Waste Collection Day On June 17th In Agawam

The Town of Agawam will be conducting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, June 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. It will take place at the Agawam High School parking lot on Cooper Street. Proof of Agawam residency is required, and no commercial businesses will be allowed.

This waste collection is *by appointment only*. For appointments, call the Health Department at 786-0400, ext. 207.

Each household will be limited to a quantity of waste equal to 15 gallons liquids or 20 pounds solid.

WHAT DO I BRING?

From the house: rubber cement; photo chemicals; furniture polish; oven cleaner; drain/toilet cleaners; rug/upholstery cleaner.

From the garage: gasoline/kerosene; antifreeze; engine de-greaser; car wax/polish; driveway sealers; roofing tar.

From the workplace: oil/latex paints; stains/varnishes; wood preservative; paint stripper/thinner; aerosol cans; adhesives.

From the yard: insecticides/fungicides; chemical fertilizers; weed killers; flea control products; no-pest strips; pool chemicals; propane cylinders.

WHAT NOT TO BRING!!!

• Empty containers. (DO NOT BRING EMPTY PAINT CANS; dried, empty cans can be thrown out in the trash.)

- Commercially generated wastes.
- Radioactive wastes/smoke detectors.
- Biological wastes.
- Explosives/ammunition.
- Prescription medicine/syringes.

Motor oil can be brought to the DPW garage, 1347 Main Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Home composting bins will be sold the day of the collection.

Once again, call the Health Department at 786-0400, ext. 207, to make your appointment for the Town of Agawam's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, June 17th.



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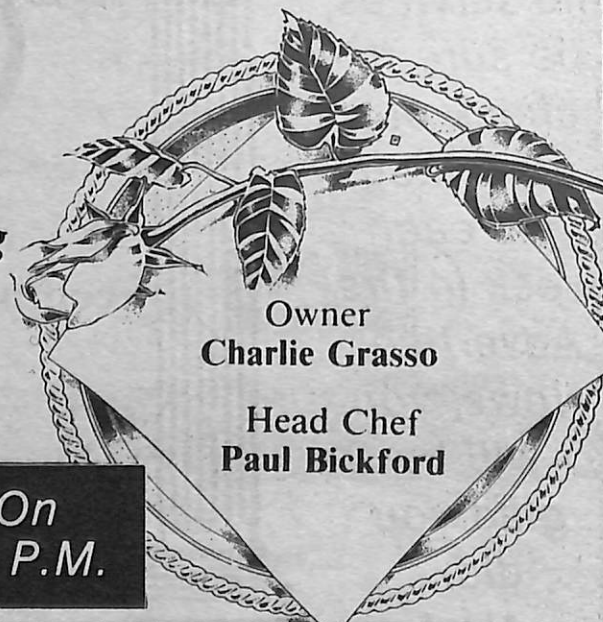
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Veterans' Corner... A Bit Of American History

by Edward Kellogg
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The spirit of Memorial Day was born out of the tragedy and patriotism surrounding the Civil War. There are variations on the exact origin of this important holiday, and many cities in the North and South claim to be its birthplace.

More than 620,000 men and women lost their lives during the Civil War. Many soldiers were laid to rest in enemy territory, far from loving families who could care for their graves and repair the ravages of nature. Thus, their graves often fell victim to neglect.

It was this profoundly sad and disturbing sight that moved widows of Confederate soldiers in Columbus, MS, to place flowers on the graves of their husbands' former enemies on April 25, 1866. Their compassionate act was one of the first to help lay the foundation for Memorial Day. Similar ceremonies in other cities — among them Macon and Columbus, GA, Richmond, VA, Boalsburg, PA, and Carbondale, IL, as well as approximately 25 other towns and communities throughout the nation — have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day.

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson and Congress gave the ultimate distinction to Waterloo, NY, which had conducted a formal and community-wide ceremony on May 5, 1866 that closed businesses across town and honored local soldiers and sailors who had fallen during the Civil War.

This piece of history is just a part of a segment on Memorial Day. If you would like to see more, check out this web sight: <http://www.pbs.org/memorialdayconcert/history.html>.

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MANVILLE, THOMAS S.
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MARION, JOHN A.
MARTEL, WILLIAM A.
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EARLIER THIS MONTH, Francine Lopes (center) of the Feeding Hills Post Office presented an enlargement of the "Distinguished Soldiers" stamp to Veterans' Agent Edward Kellogg (left) and his assistant, Diane Moreau (right). The stamp is currently available at your local Post Office. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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McNAMEE, EARL H.
MEADE, HENRY B.
* MEADE, MICHAEL A.
MEADE, STEPHEN T.
MECZYWOR, RICHARD J.
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MELLONI, GARY
MERCADANTE, ALPHONSE A.
MERCERI, BERND
MERCIER, LEO P.
MEREDITH, MICHAEL D.

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MESSER, ELROY A.
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MEUNIER, DONALD F.
MICHALAK, JAMES A.
MILICI, REYNARD F.
MILLER, PAUL A.
MILLS, RICHARD W.
MILLS, ROBERT F.
MISISCHIA, MICHAEL J.
MITCHELL, CHARLES C.
MITCHELL, JAMES E.
MOCCIO, JAMES L.
MOCCIO, KENNETH W.
MOCCIO, LEO D.
MOCCIO, LOUIS A.
MONAHAN, MICHAEL W.
MONTAGNA, WILLIAM D.

MONTGOMERY, NIELD J.
MORASSI, FRANK J.
MORENO, DAVID V.
MORIN, LEE A.
MORRIS, WAYNE L.
MORRIS, FRANCIS T., JR.
MORRISSEY, WILLIAM E.
MORUZZI, FRANK D.
* MOYNAHAN, JOHN J.
MROSZ, WILLIAM J.
MURAWSKI, STEVEN D.
MURPHY, BARBARA G.
MUTTI, LEO J.
MUTTI, PETER
MYERS, PAUL R.
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— Agawam Obituaries —

Joseph Berkowicz

Joseph Berkowicz, 82, of 71 Northwood Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at an East Longmeadow nursing home.

He was a supervisor at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of United Technologies Corp. for 34 years and retired in 1983.

Born in Poland, he was raised in Ludlow and the Indian Orchard section of Springfield before moving to Agawam 48 years ago.

He was a graduate of the former Springfield Trade High School. He played football there and later semi-professional football with the Ludlow Tigers.

He was a member of the Western Massachusetts Fly Fishermen's Club and taught fly tying for 25 years.

He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He leaves his wife of 56 years, the former Genevieve Talenda; three daughters, Darleen Wilson of Princeton, New Jersey, Cynthia Suzor of Jupiter, Florida, and Joanne Dudley of Ludlow; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Western Massachusetts Fly Fishermen's Club (in care of Bill Rose), 39 Sunset Terrace, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Raymond J. Sienkiewicz

Raymond J. Sienkiewicz, 88, of Agawam and formerly of Chicopee, died recently at a local nursing home.

He was a surface grinder at American Bosch for more than 30 years.

Born in Hinsdale, New Hampshire, he attended Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School in Springfield.

He was a World War II Army veteran and served from 1942 to 1945 with the 469th Engineers. He served in the Naples-Foggia, Rhineland, Rome-Arno, Sicily, southern France, and the European African-Middle Eastern campaigns.

He received the European African-Middle Eastern Service Medal and the Bronze Service Arrowhead.

He leaves a brother, Edward Sienkiewicz of Agawam, and a nephew, Theodore Bellefeuille of Chicopee.

Burial will be later in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. There were no services or calling hours. Tylunas Funeral Home of Chicopee was in charge of the arrangements.

Corinne A. Giroux

Corinne A. (Pelland) Giroux, 58, of 49 Forest Road, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a 22-year clerk for the U.S. Postal Service in downtown Springfield.

Born and educated in Holyoke, she lived in Agawam for 30 years.

She volunteered at the Battered Women's Shelter in Springfield.

She leaves three daughters, Laurie A. Giroux of Westfield, Teri A. Giroux of Southampton, and Geraldyn A. Giroux-Buchanan of Westfield; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089, or Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Raymond E. Mansfield

Raymond E. "Brud" Mansfield, 71, of Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

A World War II Navy veteran, he served on the USS Missouri. He was a decorated Army veteran of the Korean War and received the Bronze Star.

He was a well-known amateur golfer and former Franconia Golf Course Championship award winner.

He worked at Uniroyal Company in Chicopee for 13 years and for the City of Springfield as a laborer-watchman for nine years with the Department of Public Works.

Born in Springfield, he lived there for many years and moved to Agawam 14 years ago.

He leaves his wife, the former Anne T. Kennedy; a daughter, Patricia A. Sherry of Agawam; a sister, Dorothy Angers of Springfield; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien

Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Veterans' Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Church, 395 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Antonio Cirillo

Antonio Cirillo, 91, of Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was a 40-year owner of Cirillo Realty and former owner of Cirillo Bakery.

He was a first-class engineer for the Springfield Armory during World War II. He also worked for Holyoke Hospital as a first-class fireman.

Born in Ariana Arpina, Province of Avellino, Italy, he moved to Boston at the age of four, and to

Springfield in 1923 before moving to Agawam in 1967.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

His wife, the former Mary A. "Polly" Santaniello, died in 1996.

He leaves a son, Anthony Jr. of Agawam; three daughters, Rose M. Mercadante and Shirley Bussolari, both of Feeding Hills, and Rita Poggi of Agawam; two brothers, Rico of Marco Island, Florida, and Joseph of Agawam; two sisters, Rose DiSanti and Flora Buendo of Port Charlotte, Florida; 16 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

The funeral was held at Tazzini Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

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\$14.99
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OBITUARIES - from Page 9...

Edith F. Nader

Edith F. (Towne) Nader, 94, of Quail Run Estates, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She worked with her husband, Joseph A. Nader, in the family business, Nader Oriental Rugs of Holyoke.

Born in Springfield, she was a 30-year resident of West Yarmouth before moving to Agawam six months ago.

Her husband died in 1983.

She leaves her sister, Mabel E. Hartas of Agawam.

A memorial service was held at Byron's City Burial & Cremation Service of Springfield, with burial in Springfield Cemetery.

Lillian V. Gray

Lillian V. (LeFeave) Gray, 80, of 116 Anthony Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

She managed the Agawam High School cafeteria for 25 years and retired in 1980.

Born in Springfield, she lived in West Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1946.

She leaves her husband of 59 years, John Gray; a daughter, Lynn A. Plakias of Feeding Hills; and two grandchildren.

A daughter, Donna L. Gray, died in 1958.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Richard G. Riga

Richard G. "Dick" Riga, 76, of Feeding Hills, a former Springfield college official, died recently at home.

He was the administrator of the mathematics department at Springfield Technical Community College for 20 years and retired in 1994. He was previously the president and operator of J.C. Riga Co. Inc. Manufacturers of East Longmeadow for 25 years.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of the former High School of Commerce and lived in Springfield, East Longmeadow, and Wilbraham before settling in the Agawam area 17 years ago. He was a member of Wilbraham United Congregational Church.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was a staff sergeant and high-speed radio operator with the 286th Signal Company. He received the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater Campaign Ribbon, and the Victory Medal.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, Marion R. (Denton) Riga; two sons, Kenneth P. of Longmeadow and Richard A. of Scarborough, Maine; a daughter, Diane L. Fisher of Hampden; a brother, Donald E. of Agawam; eight grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was held at Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home of East Longmeadow, with a private burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western New England, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058, or the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western Massachusetts, 1 Armory Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

From Melconian's Office...

\$50 Million Initiative To Improve Quality Of State's Nursing Homes

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce a \$50 million initiative in the FY 2001 budget to improve the quality of the Commonwealth's nursing homes. The legislative proposal would raise staffing levels at homes, improve training for current and potential staff, survey consumers on the quality of these facilities, and create a permanent advisory council on nursing home quality.

"All of our seniors deserve the highest quality of care available," said Melconian. "We are working to guarantee that our seniors and disabled citizens will be properly cared for, at all times and in every facility, by an adequate number of skilled direct care workers."

Nursing homes across the state face a looming crisis as inadequate staffing levels make it difficult or impossible for nursing homes to provide quality care to individual seniors. The Senate proposal funds a 10 percent wage increase for certified nurses' aides (CNAs). These front-line care providers perform many of the day-to-day functions of caring for our seniors.

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Looking Forward To The Breakfast



AT A RECENT MEETING of the Agawam Retired Employees' association (A.R.E.), tickets were being sold for a Father's Day Pancake Breakfast which will be held at the Italian Sporting Club on Sunday, June 18th. The proceeds from this breakfast will be used to benefit the R. Kenneth Grady Memorial Scholarship Fund. From left to right: Breakfast committee members Matt Blackak, Louise Ball, Rudy Altobelli, and Kay Muzzy look on as Mayor Richard Cohen and State Rep. Daniel Keenan purchase tickets for the upcoming fundraiser.

Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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to the cold. At any

rate, that glorious

day when the sun

comes out (and stays

out) will come. And to

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Low wages and the demanding nature of these positions have traditionally made it difficult to recruit and retain CNAs. The proposal also dedicates more than \$5 million to establish a grant program to train, retain, and promote these direct care workers and \$1 million to fund at least 1,000 scholarships for CNA training programs. "Inadequate staffing leads to inadequate and negligent care," said Melconian. "Even the best health care worker can only care for so many patients a day."

The budget proposal also directs the Department of Public Health, working with the nursing home industry as well as consumer representatives, to implement a consumer satisfaction survey for nursing homes. DPH will be required to survey nursing home residents and their families, identify areas needing improvement and then to take steps to address problems raised by the survey.

Finally, the initiative creates an advisory council on the quality of care in nursing homes that will be made up of elder advocates, administration representatives, members of the nursing home industry, nursing home staff, and family members.

"The needs of senior citizens have always been of paramount importance to me," said Melconian. "I am proud that we in the Senate have taken these steps to protect some of our most vulnerable citizens."

Income Level
Increases For
Fuel Assistance

The Agawam Council On Aging would like to announce the following increases in the income levels for fuel assistance:

Household Size	Income
1	\$16,480
2	\$22,120
3	\$27,760
4	\$33,400
5	\$39,040
6	\$44,680
7	\$50,320
8	\$55,960

Proclamation For Natl. Police Week



MAYOR RICHARD COHEN recently presented a proclamation to the Agawam Police Department in honor of "National Police Memorial Week," which was started in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy. This week celebrates the nation's police officers and commemorates those policemen who died in the line of duty. From left to right: Sgt. Richard Curry, Police Chief Robert Campbell, Mayor Cohen, City Councilor Robert Rossi (who is also a retired police lieutenant), Patrolman Eric Camerlin, and Lieutenant Steven Draghetti. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

R. Kenneth Grady Memorial Scholarship
Comm. Seeking Funds For AHS Seniors

The R. Kenneth Grady Memorial Scholarship Committee is seeking funds to provide scholarships for Agawam High School seniors interested in furthering their education in the field of criminal justice. Chief R. Kenneth Grady was a member of the Agawam Police Department for 39 years, starting as a patrolman and moving up the ranks to police

chief, retiring in 1975. Chief Grady was active in many Agawam organizations, pioneering the Agawam Retired Employees Association. He passed away in January. Any donation to further this cause would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be made to the Chief R. Grady Memorial Fund, c/o Westfield Bank, 655 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001.

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Agawam Jr. Women's Club Urges Everyone To "Buckle Up"

May 22nd-29th is "National Buckle Up America!" week, and the Agawam Junior Women's Club is urging everyone to "Buckle Up" for the Memorial Day holiday and every day on. Nearly everyone in the U.S. is a driver or a passenger in a motor vehicle, and yet few realize the risks that are associated with this activity.

Motor-vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for individuals from ages five through 29. Every 13 minutes, someone in America is killed in a traffic accident, resulting in more than 40,000 fatalities a year.

Seat belts, if used, have proven effective in reducing both injury and death by 50 percent. The average observed safety belt use rate is only 61 percent. This is the single most important thing you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones.

The child passenger safety law includes:

- Massachusetts law requires all children to ride in child safety seats until they are at least five years-old AND they weigh over 40 pounds.
- Children who weigh over 40 pounds but are under five must ride in booster seats.
- For children five years of age or older AND weighing 40 to 60 pounds, a booster seat is recommended.
- Children five years of age or older AND weighing over 60 pounds must wear a safety belt that is properly adjusted.
- The driver will be fined \$25 for EACH unrestrained child.

This information is provided by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, Boston, MA.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

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Friday, May 26 - Piano Vocalist Kevin Burns

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Local American Legion Officers Meet With Natl. Commander

Recently in Newton, Massachusetts, Glenn Seymour (Wilson Thompson Post 185 Judge Advocate and Grand Chef de Gare du Massachusetts for the 40 and 8) and Mary Ellen Morissette (Wilson Thompson Auxiliary Unit 185 President and Hampden County District Three Chaplain) had an opportunity to meet with Al Lance, National Commander of the American Legion.

A memorial book from last year's POW/MIA ceremony — presented by members of the POW/MIA Committee from Post 185 at St. David's Church in Agawam — was presented, along with information on this year's veterans' "Remembrance Day."

This year's "Remembrance Day" will take place on October 1st at The Big E in West Springfield.

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IN LEFT PHOTO: Glenn Seymour (left) of Wilson Thompson Post 185 with Al Lance, National Commander of the American Legion. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Mary Ellen Morissette of Auxiliary Unit 185 with Commander Lance.



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Rotary "Cheers" AHS Cheerleaders



THE AGAWAM ROTARY CLUB recently honored the award-winning Agawam High School varsity cheerleaders with a luncheon at Storowton in West Springfield. In the photo above: Kim Hebert (second from the right), the cheerleaders' coach, is congratulated by School Committee Vice-Chairwoman Rosemary Sandlin, School Superintendent Frank Ameruso, and Rev. Donald Morris of the Rotary Club. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



ACTING AHS PRINCIPAL PAUL CAVALLO AND COACH HEBERT (back row, far right) pose with the AHS varsity cheerleaders at the Rotary luncheon: Jenna Bodurtha, Annie Shibley, Rachel Lara, Ashlee Lorraine, Aimee Piccin, Kate Chmura, Bianca Chase, Jessica Forni, Lauren DeLuca, Stephanie Pettazzoni, Christin Cilimberg, Kim Chmura, Stephanie Sadowski, Amanda Lemieux, Casey Van Ossenbruggen, Linda Kelly, Stacy Hopkins, Kari Trauschke, and Jill Nunziato. The Rotary Club treated the team to a luncheon to commemorate their outstanding season. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Tai Chi To Continue During The Summer At Spfld. Turnverein

By popular request, the STV Tai Chi Classes will continue through the summer months every Monday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 at the Springfield Turnverein, located at 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills. The gym hall is air-conditioned for your comfort.

We welcome people of all ages. The slow, flowing movements of the Tai Chi form help to improve concentration, coordination, flexibility, and balance while relaxing the mind. Regular practice strengthens the major muscle groups and reduces stress.

The well-known Master Baiqing Li is the instructor, and you would be joining a very enthusiastic class. Why don't you check us out? You don't have to register; just walk in on a Monday morning.

If you do have any questions, please call Christa at 786-0924. * * *

The STV also offers for the summer months a six-week series of Martial Arts/Tai Chi for children 10 years and up. These classes will be held every Monday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., starting June 26th through July 31st.

The cost will be \$60, with a discount of \$6 for additional sibling. You may register on Monday, June 19th, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at which time the payment is required. Baiqing Li will also teach this class. It is not only good exercise for children; it teaches them discipline and awareness of different cultures in other countries.

For any information, please call Christa at 786-0143.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 29th: Memorial Day (Senior Center closed).

Tuesday, May 30th: Ziti with sauce & meatballs, tossed salad, Vienna bread, tropical fruit.

Wednesday, May 31st: Country pie (hamburger & rice), cucumbers & tomatoes, rye bread, ice cream.

Thursday, June 1st: Baked chicken leg, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread, pears.

Friday, June 2nd: Baked fish with broccoli & cheese, rice Pilaf, summer squash, pumpkin bread, cookie.

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Agawam Residents Win Prizes At 11th Lucky Duck Race

Two Agawam residents were among the winners in Baystate Health System's 11th annual Lucky Duck Race held on Saturday, May 13th, at Riverfront Park in Springfield.

James E. Barry was the recipient of fifth prize, a \$1,000 gift certificate to Holyoke Mall at Ingleside (donated by the Baystate Medical Center Auxiliary) and Carrie Anne Knowlton won 12th prize, a \$300 gas grill (donated by Baystate Gas Co. of Springfield).

For the second time in the 11-year history of the race, the little yellow rubber duckies did not take a flying leap off the Memorial Bridge into the rushing waters of the Connecticut River.

"Saturday morning's rain, the height of the river, and the rushing current all contributed to our decision that the waters were not suitable for the race and for the safety of our boaters on the river," said Dave Lorenzatti, Director of Public Affairs for Baystate Health System.

Instead, the race followed the official rules and regulations stated on the Lucky Duck Adoption Papers which noted, "In the event river conditions prohibit conducting the race, winners will be chosen by a random drawing from all entries at race time."

This year, some 19,270 ducks were adopted at \$5 each or three for \$10 to benefit the Children's Miracle Network based at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

Funds raised from the annual Lucky Duck Race support Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital, pediatric programs at Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield, and Mary Lane Hospital in Ware, as well as community-based programs that improve the health and well-being of children in the Pioneer Valley.

The final dollar amount raised during this year's race will be announced on Saturday evening, June 3rd, during the Children's Miracle Network broadcast beginning at 9:00 p.m. at WWLP-TV22.

Best local news...

UNICO Helps The Parish Cupboard



ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH CUPBOARD, Executive Director Candy Boucher (second from the right) accepts a donation from Agawam UNICO at its May meeting at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills. Pictured with Boucher are UNICO members Joe Conte, Jr. (president), Thomas Martinelli, and Dennis Marchetto.

Kevin & Karen Ryan Announce Birth Of Their Son, Colin

HE'S HERE! Kevin & Karen Ryan of South Windsor, CT, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Colin, on April 29, 2000.

Colin's maternal grandparents are Richard & Elaine Cote of Portland, CT. His paternal grandparents are Joseph & Janice Ryan of Feeding Hills.

The entire Ryan and Cote families wish to welcome Colin with love.

The Dubchy Family Celebrates Birth Of Daughter, Riley

John and Lisa (Giguere) Dubchy of Enfield, Connecticut are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Riley Jane, born April 29th at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford.

Maternal grandparents are Robert, Sr. and Geraldine Giguere of Enfield, and great-grandmother Leona Flannery of Agawam.

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Ag. Golden Age Club's Chapter One June Calendar Of Events

Friday, June 2nd: Board of Directors' meeting, 1:00 p.m.

June 6th-9th: Special four-day trip to St. Andrews by the Sea in Bar Harbour, Maine.

Wednesday, June 14th: Regular meeting day, 1:30 p.m. Bingo on the agenda.

Thursday, June 15th: Trip to White's for special Italian theme featuring Arthuro.

Monday, June 26th: Trip to Foxwood Casino.

Wednesday, June 28th: Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m. Program to be announced.

All Agawam seniors are welcome to join Chapter One. Call Helen Rogers, 786-3756, membership chairperson.

Call Ed Organek, 786-2453 for trip reservations.

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Airman Carl J. Wesley, Jr. Graduates From Aircraft Course

Air Force Airman 1st Class Carl J. Wesley, Jr. has graduated from the C-130 aircraft maintenance apprentice mission ready technician (MRT) course at Little Rock Air Force, Arkansas.

The complete course includes 88 days of training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas, and an additional 20 days of hands-on training at Little Rock Air Force Base. This course must be completed prior to being awarded apprenticeship in the C-130 aircraft maintenance career field and by all new crew chiefs.

Wesley is a C-130 crew chief with the 58th Maintenance Squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He is the son of Carl J. and Joyce A. Wesley of 528 Barry Street, Feeding Hills.

The airman is a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School.

Heritage Woods To Host Seminar On Tuesday, June 6th

On Tuesday, June 6th at 2:30 p.m., Heritage Woods Assisted Living Community is pleased to offer "TRANSITIONS."

This seminar is open to the public and is for elders or families of elders in the process of making a decision related to living arrangements.

Seating is limited, so please call 786-9704 to reserve your place.

West Springfield To Hold 1st "Taste On The Common"

"One of the most important elements of any city-wide celebration is the participation of volunteers," says Lee Chambers, Director of Public Relations and Advertising for WestSide's Taste on the Common. "Their presence will guarantee a successful launch for this first-ever event."

Presented by the West Springfield Chamber of Commerce, with assistance from the office of the Board of Selectmen, WestSide's Taste on the Common will be held June 9th-11th on the Town Common. The event, the first "Taste" ever held in West Springfield, will feature appetizers, entrees, and desserts from more than 20 area chefs, and entertainment from more than a dozen local performers. In addition, Teddy Bear Pools and Spas will provide hot air balloon rides (weather permitting) and face painting, and kiddie rides will be featured.

While some volunteers have come forward, several more are needed to assist the event staff. Posters and flyers need to be distributed pre-event, and there are several on-site tasks such as set-up, errand running, parking control, beverage sales, and clean-up, that will require assistance.

"It would be terrific to see the people of West Springfield come together to help launch the Taste," states Chambers. "It's going to be a great way to be with friends and neighbors, and enjoy the best food and entertainment in the area."

For further information and sign-up, contact Selectman Phyllis Bertera at (413) 263-3040.



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On June 14th At The Agawam Senior Center...

Local Pianist Part Of Flag Day Concert

In conjunction with the Flag Day Concert scheduled for June 14th at the Senior Center by the Memory Lane Chorus, we would like to highlight the musical career of our piano accompanist, Robert Coelln.

Bob grew up in the Glendale, Queens section of New York City. He started taking piano lessons from a nun in the local convent and played a solo at his grammar school graduation.

He played piano with his high school band and orchestra, and also learned to play the trumpet during those years.

New York City has always had a lot of great radio stations for music programs and Bob became an avid listener to many of them.

At Queens College, he played trumpet in the band, orchestra, and dance band, and also spent some summers playing at a resort in the Adirondacks. Marvin Hamlisch and Paul Simon are a couple of the celebrity grads of Queens College.

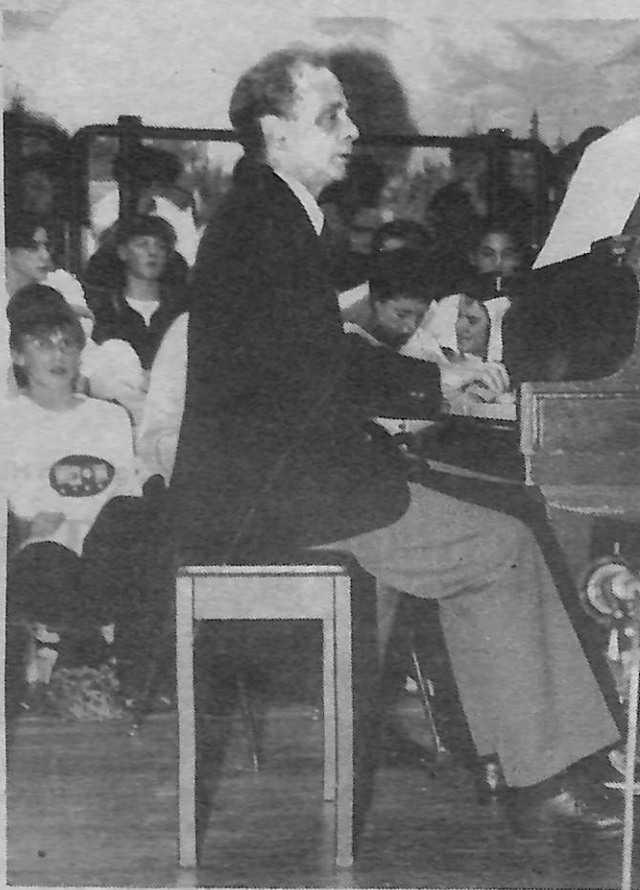
Bob moved to Feeding Hills in 1969 with his wife, Caroline, son Robert, and daughter Denise, who was only a few weeks old at that time.

The first piece of furniture they bought was a piano and over the years, he has served as pianist for Betty Champion's Dance Studio, cocktail piano at the Windsor House, and with the Danny DiDonato combo.

Bob has worked at various accounting, cost, and contract analysis positions, as well as field clerk in some construction projects while continuing his interests in the music field.

He brought out his old trumpet to become a member of the Community Band during the 1980's (daughter Denise was a Color Guard captain at AHS), but had a number of years without doing much piano work.

For the past two years, he has become a most welcome accompanist and solo performer with the Memory Lane Chorus. He also recently per-



ROBERT COELLN, a resident of Feeding Hills, will be providing piano accompaniment during the Memory Lane Chorus's Flag Day Concert, scheduled for June 14th at the Agawam Senior Center.

formed at the holiday lunchtime programs at ABB Combustion Engineering and is being booked for some dates at the School Street Bistro in June.

Bob has an extensive record collection in varied music areas, including an incredible number of Ted Heath recordings (his favorite "Big Band").

When Chorus Director Darcy Davis was having a hard time coming up with a recorded version of "Hooray For Hollywood" (the group's theme for next year's production), Bob came up with two tapes, including the Benny Goodman rendition at the start of the 1938 movie, along with several different versions of the lyrics.

The original sheet music is scarce and valuable; however, Bob did a computer search and came up with 23 books in which the music is included.

Bob was featured on a piano solo, "Stormy Weather," in the Memories of Broadway Concert and he played the classic piano favorite, "Nola," in the Songs of World War I program last year. He will be featured in many of the "Flag Songs" for the June 14th concert at the Senior Center.

Return To Thirteen Stripes

As more and more states were constantly being admitted to the Union, it became necessary again to reajust the flag. The original intention had been to add a new stripe and a new star for every new state, but the impossibility of this soon became evident.

"If the Union keeps on increasing at its present rate," said a member of Congress, "you will soon find that the tallest pine in the forests of Maine will not be high enough to serve as a flagstaff."

On April 4, 1818, a law was passed by Congress to return to the original 13 stripes; and that a new star would be added for each new state, to take effect on the Fourth of July after such admission.

Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

E.B's To Hold Ninth Wing-Eating Contest On June 1st

On Thursday, June 1st, E.B's Restaurant (located at 385 Walnut Street Extension) will be holding its annual wing-eating contest.

This year's event, "Wingfest 2000 — Chowdown for Charity," will feature two contests: one TNT wing-eating contest, and one "midway" wing-eating contest. The party begins at 5:00 p.m., with the actual contests kicking off at 7:00 p.m.

The proceeds from this event will benefit "The Daniel A. Larson Foundation," which was established to support the families of homicide victims.

Local favorites, "The Guitar Dudes," will guest-host the event, as well as provide the evening with entertainment. There will be a wing buffet available for everyone attending. Sponsors of the event will include "Sam Adams," who will be providing the beer outside under our Taylor Rental party tent.

The event has been a proven success in the past. This is the ninth consecutive year, and it is open to everyone who wishes to raise money and contribute to a noble cause.

Sponsorship sheets are available at E.B's in Agawam. Prizes will be awarded to the people who raise the most money. Raffle tickets are now available at E.B's in Agawam. This year's drawing offers numerous prizes from area businesses.

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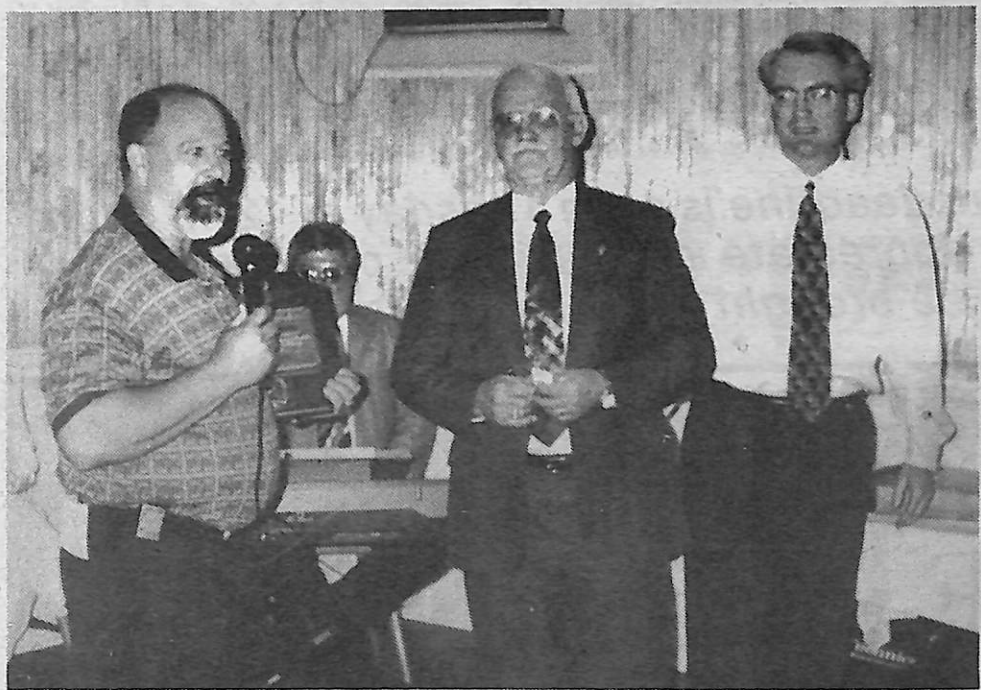
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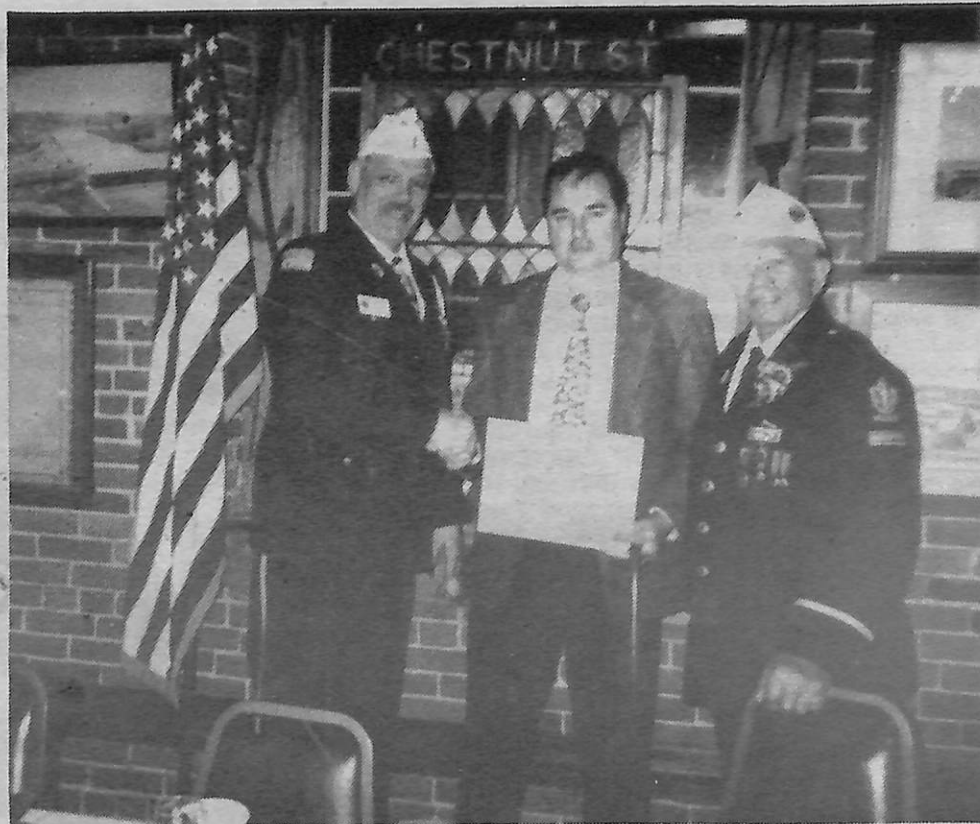
Lions Award Recipient...



RECENTLY, the Agawam Lions Club awarded the Melvin Jones Award to Al Taupier, who has worked in many capacities in the club (including being only one of three members to serve as president twice). This award is named for the founder of Lions International and presented to an outstanding citizen of the community. **IN TOP PHOTO:** Al Taupier (center) with his wife, Elaine, and son, Robert. **IN PHOTO BELOW:** Taupier received the award from his son, Robert (club vice-president), and Christopher Johnson (club president).



Perfect Attendance!!!



AGAWAM'S AMERICAN LEGION (Wilson Thompson Post 185) was recently presented with an award for 100-percent membership. Kenneth Mortyko (center), Adjutant of Post 185, received a certificate from Thomas Shoemaker (left), American Legion Department of Massachusetts Commander, and Hampden County District Three Commander Henry Jennings (right).

IT'S LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY: The AAN's annual "Graduation Issue" will be published on Thursday, June 22nd, featuring coverage of AHS and collegiate graduates and this year's scholarship recipients.

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2. Believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
3. Trust in Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

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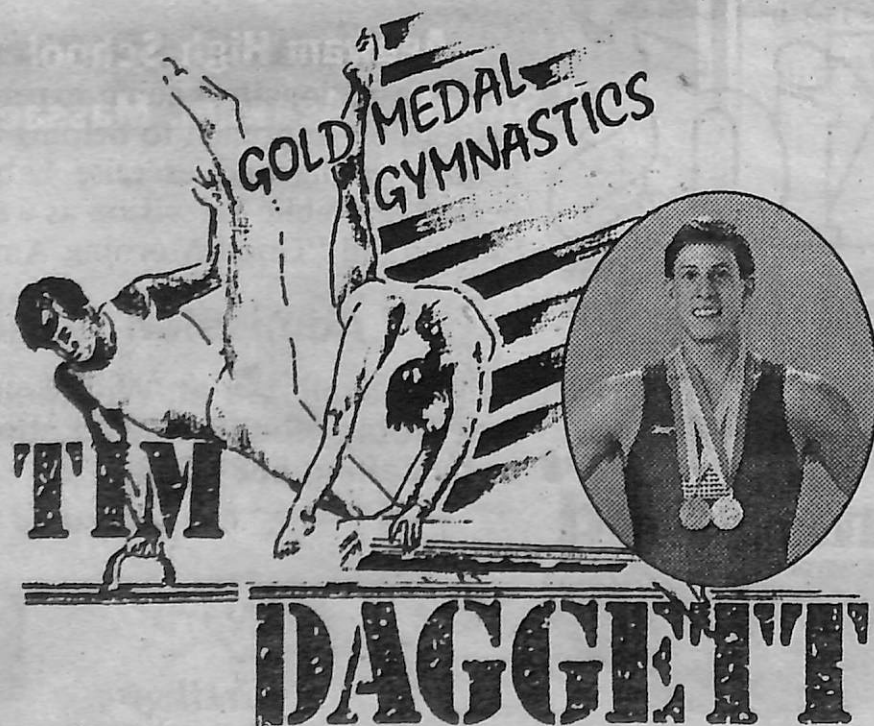
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Question: I am 15 years-old and I wish I could get control of this acne. It is so embarrassing, and I don't know what I am doing wrong.

Answer: First, you are not doing anything wrong! This condition is usually inherited and is not caused from being dirty or from having a poor diet. Your body's hormones are changing and this causes the sebaceous oil glands to enlarge.

The oil works its way to the surface of the skin by way of the hair follicle. The oil and dead skin cells combine and clog the pores, and acne occurs.

There are four forms of acne, and each is determined by what is going on in the hair follicle below the skin surface.

Whiteheads occur when a pore is partially plugged with sebum (oil) and dead skin cells. A **blackhead** is similar to a whitehead, except the pore is open and this causes the exposed material to darken.

Pimples are red-raised bumps that form when trapped oil becomes filled with bacteria. **Pustules** are formed when the white cells in our bodies attack the bacteria and oils to form puss.

Acne can become worse if you are under emo-

tional stress or get too little sleep or rest. Some medications and steroids will contribute to the problem, as well as humid weather, your menstrual cycle, and also some cosmetics and hair preparations.

Even though I said that being dirty is not a cause of acne, good hygiene can help in the treatment. Keeping your skin clean is important so bacteria will not add to an already problem area. Gently wash with a mild soap (I recommend Neutrogena), using only your fingertips in a circular motion. Never exfoliate broken-out skin; it can irritate the area and lead to an infection.

You should prevent over-scrubbing, as this can make the oil glands produce more oil. Next, do not squeeze your pimples, as this can rupture plugged ducts (causing inflammation). Use a water-based makeup and keep all applicators clean. If spraying hair products, use a face shield to prevent the produce from landing on your skin.

There are many over-the-counter acne lotions, creams, and makeup preparations to help control and conceal blemishes. If you experience any irritation or redness while using these products, discontinue use immediately.

Benzoyl peroxide is very effective in controlling acne, but should be used in amounts that cause only mild dryness. Cutting back on the number of hours you use it may be needed to keep the skin from becoming too dry.

If acne cannot be kept under control, a dermatologist may be helpful. Sometimes a topical lotion or cream may be prescribed. Oral antibiotics may be recommended for long-term use and if severe acne has not responded to other treatment.

Accutane can be prescribed as another way to control the problem. There can be side effects with this medication, and it can cause fetal deformity if you become pregnant. All concerns should be discussed with your physician.

Thought for a smile: a cup of tea with your favorite person.

And remember ... **Beauty is our Business!**

On Friday, June 2nd...

Blood Drive To Help Boy Scout Earn Eagle Badge

On Friday, June 2nd, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the church hall of St. Anthony of Padua Church (108 Bridge Street, Agawam), the American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive.

This worthwhile and life-saving event will help Tony Brignoli to earn his Eagle Scout badge. Brignoli is ninth-grader at Agawam High School and a member of Troop 78 from the Springfield Turnverein.

For an appointment for the blood drive, call 786-5171. However, walk-ins will also be welcome.

On Thursday, June 1st...

International Variety Show To Be Performed At Agawam Senior Ctr.

On Thursday, June 1st, at 2:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, the Agawam seniors will perform an International Variety Show entitled "Around the World in 80 Minutes."

It is a fundraiser to benefit the continued activities and events at the Senior Center, and the cost of the tickets are \$3 each. Included in the show will be the Agawam Senior Melody Band, the Memory Lane Chorus, line dancers, tap dancers, and other musicians and singers.

This daytime entertainment will showcase our dance classes, band, and chorus that rehearse weekly at the Senior Center. This is a great time for the families and friends of our local talent to show their appreciation.

Join us at the Senior Center on Thursday, June 1st, for world-wide music, costumes, and fun. For more information and tickets, contact Joan at 786-0400, ext. 242.

Openings Left For Perry Lane Park Summer Camp

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department has openings for the Perry Lane Park Summer Camp in the following sessions:

DAY CAMP — for ages six through 11; 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Session I — June 26th through July 7th (no camp on July 4th).

Session III — July 24th through August 4th.

TEEN CAMP — for ages 11 through 15; 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Session I — June 26th through July 7th (no camp on July 4th).

Session III — July 24th through August 4th.

PRE-SCHOOL CAMP — for ages four and five; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

All sessions are available.

Please register at the Recreation Office, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

Father's Day Pancake Breakfast At The Italian Sporting Club

A Father's Day Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, June 18th from 8:00-11:30 a.m. at the Italian Sporting Club, 349 Cooper St., Agawam.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Chief Grady Memorial Scholarship Fund. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children.

The Italian Sporting Club officers and committee members include Rudy Altobelli & Anthony Chicketti, co-chairmen; Anita Hastings, secretary; Robert Rossi, treasurer; and Scholarship Committee members Kay Muzzy, Martha Jerry, Bob Swikalus, Louis Ball, Matt Blackak, and Ben McCullough.

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News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and will include a special collection for the Gift & Promise campaign.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "The Answer Is: The Choice Is God's." The New Testament reading will be John 15:9-17.

Matt Granger will be Lector. Ushers will be Perry and Rose McCobb. Andy Kretschmar and Jeff Chapman will be our Acolytes.

Children are invited to worship with adults, leaving at a designated time for Sunday School. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Choir members are reminded that there will be a rehearsal following worship on Sunday, May 28th.

In observance of Memorial Day, the office will be closed on Monday, May 29th.

Operation Friendship will sponsor a delicious Roast Beef dinner here on Saturday, June 3rd. OF members will begin serving at 5:00 p.m.

The Ladies Benevolent Society is sponsoring the annual Strawberry Supper and food sale on Saturday, June 17th. The menu will include: potato and egg salad, boiled ham, cole slaw, rolls and pickles, beverage, and (of course) strawberry shortcake. The cost will be \$7.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children under age eight, and preschool-age children dine for free.

There will be continuous servings from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. For reservations, call Mrs. Barbara Swanson, 786-5732, or Mrs. Betty Bava, 786-0679. The timing of this supper is perfect as a Father's Day gift (hint, hint!).

On the calendar:

Monday, May 28th: 10:00 a.m., Gift & Promise Sunday; Choir rehearsal following worship; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption; 3:00 to 9:00 p.m., Creative Memories.

Monday, May 29th: Memorial Day (office closed).

Tuesday, May 30th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, May 31st: 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, June 1st: 5:00 p.m., Wedding rehearsal; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption Bible Study.

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Church News From Faith Bible Church

On May 28th, Memorial Day Sunday, we will be holding a picnic following the second service. The picnic will start at 12:15 p.m.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Pot luck dishes and salads are welcome, and desserts are never turned away.

This day promises to be a great time, and games and fun are awaiting all who attend.

On Wednesday, May 31st, we are having a guest at our Wednesday night service.

"Small Paul," the chalk-art evangelist, will be visiting and preaching a powerful message using his chalk drawings. All are invited.

We have prayer at 6:30 p.m., and the service follows at 7:00 p.m.

Our Women's Bible Study continues on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Nursery is always provided.

On Sunday morning, June 11th, we will be holding a new member induction during the second service at 10:30 a.m.

Anyone wishing to join should see Marilyn Cote or Michelle Hanzel.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

Sunday: 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., 1st Service; 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 2nd Service; 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., Coffee/Fellowship.

Tuesday: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Women's Bible Study; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bible Study/Book of Revelation.

Wednesday: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Prayer; 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Praise & Worship Service.

Friday: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Youth Group.

Saturday: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., Leadership Prayer & Meeting; 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Open Prayer; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Music Practice; 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., Outreach.

St. David's To Host Emergency Energy Fund Benefit Concert

St. David's Church will be hosting a Benefit Concert for the Agawam Emergency Energy Fund on Saturday, June 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam High School. This special concert will feature contemporary Christian recording artists Fellowship and John Polce.

Tickets are \$5 donation and can be purchased at St. David's, Cornerstone Christian Bookstore in Agawam, Morningstar in West Springfield, or at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Emergency Energy Fund for the Town of Agawam.

For more information about this exciting event, please call the church office at (413) 786-6133.

Calendar From Ag. Congregational

At the Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street, Agawam) on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 28th, Church School is at 9:00 a.m., and Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m.

The interim minister, the Rev. Eric Bascom, will lead worship and preach on a theme suggested by Psalm 98, "Sing a New Song." The psalm will be lined-out for the congregation by Lindelee Davis.

Because this is also Memorial Day weekend, present and former members of the U.S. military services will be recognized, and deceased members of the church will also be remembered.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

The 10th Annual Agawam Congregational Church Charlie McCobb Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on June 3rd at St. Anne's Golf Course in Feeding Hills.

There will be a scramble shotgun start at 1:30 p.m., with a buffet following.

The reservation deadline was May 21st.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

Sponsored By Ladies Benevolent Society...

Strawberry Supper On June 17th At Feeding Hills Congregational

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a "Strawberry Supper" and food sale on Saturday, June 17th.

The menu will include potato and egg salad, boiled ham, cole slaw, rolls, pickles, strawberry shortcake, and beverage.

The cost will be \$7.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children under eight, and preschool-age children are free. Continuous servings are from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Enjoy dinner in our newly-renovated church hall!

For reservations, call Mrs. Betty Bava, 786-0679, or Mrs. Barbara Swanson, 786-5732.

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Events Calendar From Sacred Heart Church In Feeding Hills

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

July 24th-28th (Monday-Friday), 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center, for kindergarten through grade six. Donation: \$10.

Please join us for a fun week of Bible stories, music, crafts, games, play, and food. You may register at the same hours as our Religious Education registrations (May 20th through May 28th).

If you are able to volunteer for our parish Vacation Bible Camp, please contact Mrs. Kathy Patterson at 789-6705. Thank you.

MASS TIME

On Monday, May 29th, the Mass time is being rescheduled from 7:00 p.m. in the evening to 8:00 a.m. in the morning. After this particular date, the Mass time resumes at 7:00 p.m.

Jeremy Boettcher To Perform In Concert At Emmanuel Baptist

Jeremy Boettcher, a 16-year-old homeschooled student from Agawam will be featured in concert at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 38 Front Street, West Springfield on May 28th at 5:30 p.m.

Jeremy has performed ministry concerts throughout New England and New York for over two years. His piano playing, music writing, and arranging have won him recognition nationally and internationally.

Sunday's concert selections and arrangements of traditional and contemporary Christian music will represent a vast genre of musical styles. He will also offer his original music and arrangements.

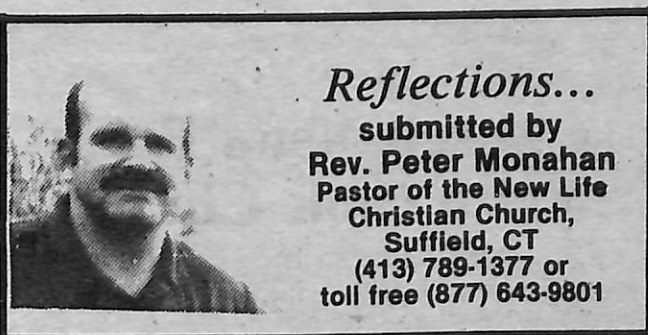
There is no admission to Sunday's concert. However, a free will offering will be taken on Jeremy's behalf.

For more information, call the church office at 737-4488.

Nocturnal Adoration Soc. To Meet June 2nd

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at the Dominican Nuns Monastery Chapel in West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, June 2nd, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.



Reflections...

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How To Be Friends With God...

When God first appeared to Abraham, the essence of His message was, "Abraham, I want you to be My friend." As Abraham's friend, God promised Abraham that He would give him land and descendants to live on that land. The Lord had said to Abraham, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing."

God has always sought people to be His friends. Sometimes, He has actually accomplished His goals. In the case of Moses, the Bible tells us the Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend.

Believe it or not, God wants each of us to be His friends as well. Jesus said, "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love."

Like anything worth having, friendship with God will cost us something. We must obey God. Obeying God is not nearly as difficult as it might at first sound. Although we might initially think that obeying God means engaging in a lot of religious exercise, Jesus said, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

When God commands us to love each other as I have loved you, He is not telling us how to feel about other people. That's good news for us, because sometimes each of us encounters a person who is downright unlikable. Someone once said, "God said I must love my neighbor, but I don't have to like him." Ironically, that's actually true.

When God commands us to love each other as I have loved you, He is speaking about how we treat other people, not how we feel about them. Our modern philosophies tend to exalt our feel-

ings as though they are of paramount importance, but in truth what really matters is how we behave; how we treat other people.

Regardless of how we sometimes think our feelings are so important, we cannot and must not simply act out our feelings. If each of us always acted out our feelings, chaos would result.

The New Testament employs two Greek words for love: *agape* (pronounced "ah gop ay") and *philos*. One describes feelings, while the other describes actions. *Philos* speaks about how we feel; *agape* refers to how we act.

We can easily recall how we distinguish between *agape* love and *philos* love, because *agape* and action both begin with "a," while *philos* and feelings begin with the "f" sound.

More importantly, it is important to know that every time God commands us to love, the word employed is always *agape*. While feelings may be important, our actions are unquestionably more important.

The Bible reveals that God's feelings towards people have fluctuated, not unlike our feelings can fluctuate. He is described as frustrated with people at times, and infatuated with people at other times.

Nevertheless, the Bible describes God's love for us this way: **This is how God showed His love among us, He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.** God's love is described not in terms of His feelings about people, but rather in terms of His activity, what He did for us.

Indeed, the entire creation of the earth was an act of love by God towards us.

For this is what the Lord says — **He who created the heavens, He is God; who fashioned and made the earth, He founded it; He did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited — He says: "I am the Lord, and there is no other. I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob's descendants, 'Seek Me in vain.'"**

In other words, God says, "Look, I made the earth for you, and I want you to be my friends." Everything God did, He did because He loves us.

The Bible says **Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.** In a perfect world, we might actually obey God simply because we're supposed to. But this isn't a perfect world, and God knows that.

So God offers us an inducement. Jesus said, **"I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. You are My friends if you do what I command you."**

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Parish News And Notes From St. John's Church In Agawam

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

With the recent First Communion celebrations, we have brought our program of religious education to a close for this academic year.

We are most grateful to Annette Reynolds and Carol Flood, who directed our program this year, and to the staff of teachers and helpers whom they assembled to assist them. We thank them all publicly for their time and talent shared with our parents to assist them with their family role of sharing their faith with their children.

The process of registration for next year's classes will be finalized in the coming weeks, and parents will be informed on the procedure. To help in the planning process, families are asked to register children for next year's religious education classes before June 30th.

The forms will be in the mail during the coming weeks. The fee will be less for early registrations.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It is that time of year when we elect five new members to our Parish Council. Those elected will serve a three-year term advising the pastor on the spiritual growth and development of our parish.

The elections this year will be the weekend of June 10th-11th. It is fitting that it is the Feast of Pentecost, the "birthday" of the Church.

The nominees this year are: Joseph Audette, Wayne Ball, Pat Byrne, George Cornwell, Judith Cross, Carol Flood, Mary Gontczaruk, Angela Grout, and Gerard Parent.

Two new youth members will be appointed to the Council for the coming school year, as we

continue our efforts to discover and address the needs of our youngest members.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Joanne Prout, chosen to receive the 2000 Pius X Medal from St. John's in recognition of her 17 years of service to our religious education program.

The ceremony will be at the Cathedral on May 30th at 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL ANOINTING MASS

Our annual Anointing Mass will be on Saturday, June 10th, at 1:00 p.m.

Letters went out to all of our known shut-ins. If there are any of whom we are unaware, they are most welcome also.

Some medical personnel will be on hand for emergencies, and light refreshments will follow in the Parish Center.

OVER-60 CLUB

The club's annual banquet will be held on Thursday, June 1st, at the New Grove Restaurant in Southwick. The cost of the banquet is \$13 for paid-up members. Reservations can be made by calling Barbara, 569-9830, or Lil, 786-9586.

FROM THE PASTOR

The Ordination of our Deacon, John Gawienowski, to the Priesthood is just two weeks away. He will be ordained at St. Michael's Cathedral on June 3rd at 11:00 a.m. Deacon John has extended an invitation to the parish family to attend this joyful celebration.

The newly ordained will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. John's on June 4th at 2:00 p.m. A reception and buffet will follow that Mass, and again an invitation is extended to all.

Spaghetti Dinner Slated At St. David's For Monday, June 5th

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Monday, June 5th at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include spaghetti and meatballs and sausage, tossed salad, bread and butter, coffee, tea and juice, and dessert.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's or at the door. Due to a sellout on most of last year's dinners, we will be unable to hold unpaid reservations past 6:30 p.m. without prior arrangements.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

St. David's Church To Host June 3rd Health Ministry Fair

St. David's Church will be hosting a Health Ministry Fair for the public on Saturday, June 3rd from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, June 4th from 9:00-9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

This special event will focus on various health and wellness issues, and will offer fingerstick blood sugar testing (diabetic screening), blood pressure readings, nutritional information, and other health and wellness information.

Admission is FREE and open to the public. For more information about this exciting event, please call the church office at (413) 786-6133.

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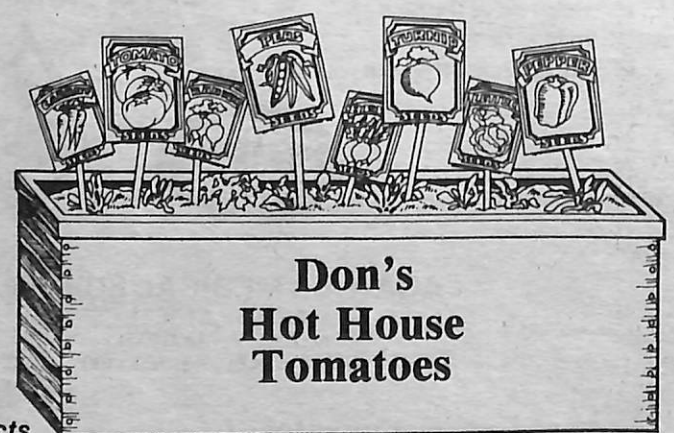
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Spotlight On Business

Legal Memo

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Negligence & Tort Rehabilitation Facility - Fall Out Of Wheelchair - Lack Of Safety Restraints

The plaintiff's decedent was a 56-year-old married father of two adult children who was a patient at a rehabilitation facility. He was in a weakened physical state and neurologically comprised due to meningitis, which had been diagnosed and treated for the past three months.

Five days after his transfer to the rehabilitation facility, the plaintiff's decedent fell out of his wheelchair, striking his head on the floor. He never regained consciousness after the fall, and after a gradual neurologic deterioration, the plaintiff's decedent died. The death certificate indicated immediate cause of death as "brain injury as a consequence of traumatic injury."

The plaintiff alleged that the defendant, through its employees, failed to institute proper safety restraint measures given the well-documented weakened physical condition of the patient and his lack of awareness, which led to his fall and ultimate demise.

The defendant contended that the safety restraints were proper under the circumstances and that, given the decedent's underlying cognitive and physical deficits from the meningitis, he would have been physically and cognitively impaired for the rest of his life and never would have been able to return to work.

The plaintiff secured the reports of three of the decedent's own primary care physicians, as well as a rehabilitation neurologist and neuroradiologist who all rendered opinions helpful to the plaintiffs. After significant negotiations, the case settled for \$500,000.

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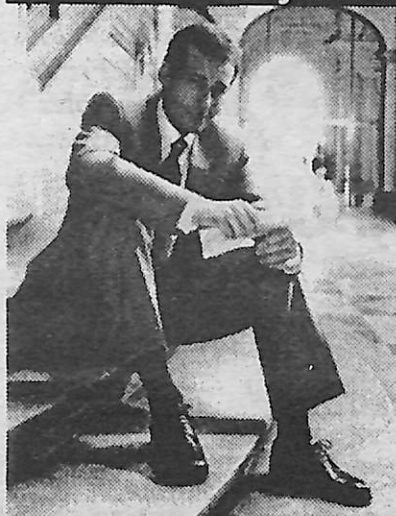
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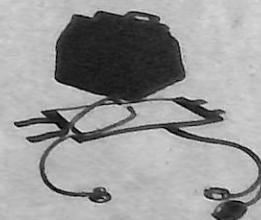
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**Some Government Loans To
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(Continued From Last Week)

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tional financial need. These loans combine government funds with school contributions.

Depending on when the student applies, his or her level of need, and the funding level of the school, loan amounts range from \$3,000 a year for undergraduate study (for a total of \$15,000 over all undergraduate years) to \$5,000 a year for graduate or professional study (for a total of \$30,000, which includes any Perkins Loans borrowed as an undergraduate).

Borrowers must begin repaying their Perkins Loans to the school within nine months after they graduate, leave school, or drop below half-time status. At the end of the grace period, students have up to 10 years to repay the loan. Interest on the loan does not begin accruing until repayment commences.

PLUS Loans for parents. This program is aimed at parents rather than students. PLUS Loans are available to borrowers with good credit histories for educational expenses of dependent children who are undergraduate students enrolled at least

half-time. Like Stafford Loans, PLUS Loans are available directly from the government through the Direct Loan Program or via commercial lenders participating in the FFEL Program.

The yearly limit on a PLUS Loan is equal to the cost of a child's annual attendance minus any other financial aid the parents receive. The interest rate, which is variable but will never exceed nine percent, starts accruing after the loan is disbursed.

Repayment must begin within 60 days after the final loan disbursement for the academic year. Like the Stafford Loans, the PLUS Loan fee is four percent of the loan amount.

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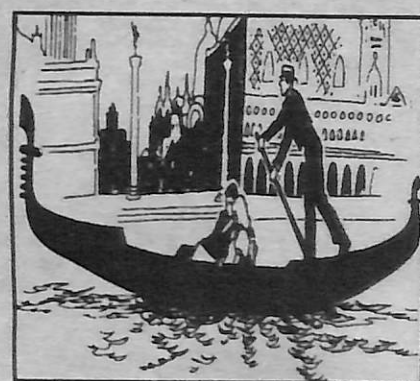
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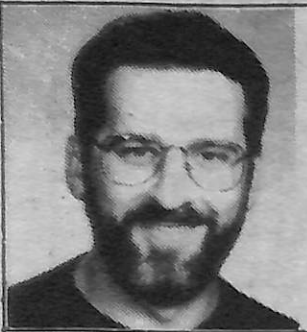
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The Problem Of Goodness...

Okay, what is he talking about now? A problem with goodness? Actually, I believe there are a few problems with goodness that are worth our consideration.

Allow me to set the context. Last week, a reader gave some feedback to one of my earlier columns and raised these questions: **How good can I have it?** and **Can I have it all?** The simple answer is: sure, you can have it all and have it as good as you'd like. The more complex answer involves, I think, going deeper into the nature of goodness as it pertains to relationships.

One place to start when considering goodness is what it is related to, namely, badness. In place of badness, we might use words like stuckness, evil, unhappiness, feeling down, or being unaware. Being unaware of how bad things can be is a way of not facing the potential of goodness.

Often these negative feelings or behaviors (like "bad habits") leave us with little room for personal choice. At best, we feel we have a choice, say, to stop smoking, but feel disempowered to do anything good about it. We might be faced with a problem of hitting or yelling at our children or partner and would like not to do this, but feel stuck and unable to make the necessary changes we desire.

These negative feelings and behaviors are often powerful influences on our lives and on how they impact those important to us. The same can be said about the power of goodness in our lives and how it influences our relationships.

One problem I experience with the power of goodness in my life is *coming to name what is good*. At first, this might seem silly. Of course, we should be able to name what is good in our lives. But if you are like me, often our negative or "bad" feelings or behaviors can sufficiently distract us from what we might otherwise want and see, namely goodness.

Another problem that I experience with goodness in my life, once I have named it, is *sustaining it*. Keeping what is truly good for me and how good that is for those connected to me can be very challenging. Maybe I can have real happiness and contentment for a few minutes, hours, or even days, but so much seems to be working against me to move away from goodness and get back to something "old" that is not necessarily good for me.

This brings me to my third and final reflection on what is problematic about having goodness sustained in my life, namely, the power of *relationship systems*. What I mean, in more clinical terms, is the power of the family emotional system and its influence on my living and owning goodness in my life on my terms.

Key to understanding how family emotional systems work is that they are not inherently "bad," but for many of us, we experience our families as forces that attempt to strongly influence how we are to live out our lives more on "their" terms than on our "own."

I assume that a healthy sense of your *self* development is moving away from "their" view of how you should live and moving more into having "your" view of who you are on *your* terms. This does not mean that our families cannot be "good" influences to help us obtain a healthy sense of self. Some people are fortunate in this way. Many others are not!

I will talk more on this problem of goodness in the coming weeks. Your examples and feedback would be very helpful for our reflection on goodness as we try to concretely struggle with the problem of *naming, sustaining, and being influenced by relationships* and the process of owning our unique goodness that is in each of us.

The complexity of goodness.

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Patient Reunion At Country Estates



ON FRIDAY, MAY 5TH, Country Estates of Agawam was the site of the second annual reunion of patients who've been serviced by Northeast Rehab, a 20-bed, orthopedic rehabilitation unit which specializes in total joint replacement. From left to right: Phyllis Ferriter, Carol Swenson, Cherie Stack (C.E.O. of Northeast Rehab), Jim Witmer, Ted Sussmann, Ann Sussmann, Joan Homon, Maxine Cloran, Brendon Cloran, Betty Ursprung, and Stan Ursprung. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



ALTHOUGH IT IS LOCATED AT COUNTRY ESTATES, Northeast Rehab is a separate entity and has treated over 1,200 patients in two years. Over 400 former patients showed up for the reunion and enjoyed a buffet. From left to right: Cindy Gil (patient and nurse for the orthopedic unit), Pam Hebert (physical therapy assistant), Ed Pacitti (consultant from the Orthopedic Physicians Association), Cherie Stack, Katy Collins (physical therapy assistant), and Shari Brodeur (certified occupational therapy assistant). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

The problem of goodness...

I am worth it!

Read more about this in today's FOR YOUR HEALTH column.

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Arthritis & Glucosamine Sulfate

Last week, we discussed arthritis — what it is, what causes it, etc. Today, we're going to discuss treatment for arthritis.

The conventional medical treatment for osteoarthritis is non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs or NSAIDs, which include aspirin and ibuprofen. Although these drugs are extensively used in the United States, research indicates that they may actually accelerate the progression of joint destruction and cause more problems down the road.

NSAIDs not only suppress the enzymes that produce inflammation, but they also inhibit the enzymes that manufacture cartilage components. So a person may feel free from pain while on the NSAID, but his or her arthritis is silently getting worse. NSAID use is associated with acceleration of osteoarthritis and increased joint destruction.

**What Can Be Used Instead Of NSAIDs
In The Treatment Of Osteoarthritis?**

Glucosamine sulfate — yes, you've been hearing about it everywhere, but you're not sure what it is, what it does, and if it's another useless product that somebody is just selling to get rich.

Let's start with what it is. Glucosamine is a simple molecule that can be naturally produced in the body. The main function of glucosamine on joints is to stimulate the manufacture of molecules

known as glycosaminoglycans (GA65) — key structural components of cartilage.

It appears that as some people age, they lose the ability to manufacture sufficient levels of glucosamine. The result is that cartilage loses its ability to act as a shock absorber. The body's inability to manufacture glucosamine has been suggested to be the major factor leading to arthritis.

There have been over 20 double-blind studies and 300 scientific clinical investigations showing the benefits of glucosamine sulfate. Studies comparing glucosamine sulfate to NSAIDs showed better results relieving pain and inflammation with glucosamine.

While NSAIDs offer purely symptomatic relief and may actually promote the disease process, glucosamine sulfate actually appears to address the cause of osteoarthritis. By treating the root of the problem through actually building joint cartilage, glucosamine sulfate not only improves the symptoms (including pain), but it also helps the body repair damaged joints.

Most people will experience significant improvements with glucosamine with two or three weeks. The longer it is used, the more obvious the results. The effects are cumulative and long-lasting. Recommended amounts are 500 mg three times a day of stabilized glucosamine sulfate.

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Considering the scientific data regarding glucosamine sulfate and many of the positive responses my patients have had to it, I would recommend trying it.

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**Your Back And
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**What Can I Expect On
My First Visit To A DC???**

Many new patients express a degree of apprehension about what they will encounter in a chiropractic physician's office.

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A physical examination will be performed in accordance with your DC's clinical judgement, which may include x-rays, a laboratory analysis, and other diagnostic procedures. In addition, a careful spinal examination and analysis will be performed to detect any structural abnormalities which may be affecting or causing your condition.

All of these elements are important components of your total health profile, and vital to the doctor of chiropractic in evaluating your problem.

An "adjustment," as doctors of chiropractic use the term, means the specific manipulation of vertebrae which have abnormal movement patterns or fail to function normally. Doctors of chiropractic spend years learning motion palpation (the art of examining by movement or touch) and other forms of spinal examining procedures, so that they can administer specific and appropriate spinal adjustments.

Once the DC has identified the problem, he/she will begin care by way of these adjustments or "manipulations." Particular attention will be paid to that area of your spine where a spinal derangement or "subluxation" has been detected.

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On the second and last Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this group for those who are caring for someone with a life-threatening illness. Hospice families, staff, and community members are invited to participate.

Call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services for more information at 562-7049.

**June 5th Support
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Learning that your parent has cancer is difficult for children of all ages. But discovering you're not alone and sharing your feelings and concerns with others in the same situation can help.

Children of area cancer patients have that opportunity, through a support group which meets monthly at Mercy Hospital. The group's next meeting will take place Monday, June 5th, 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

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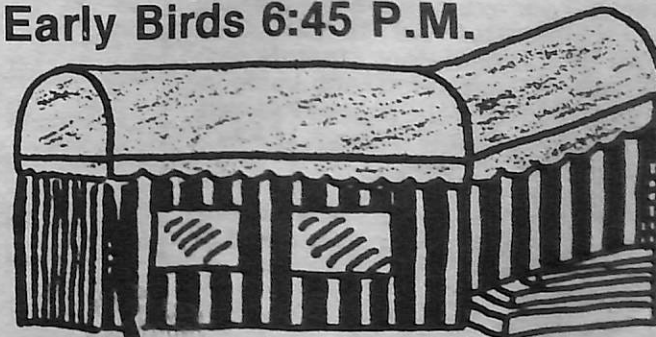
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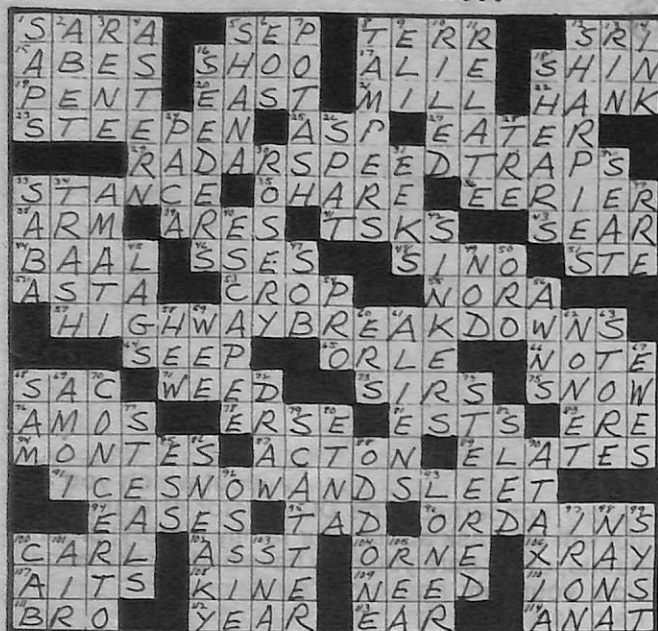
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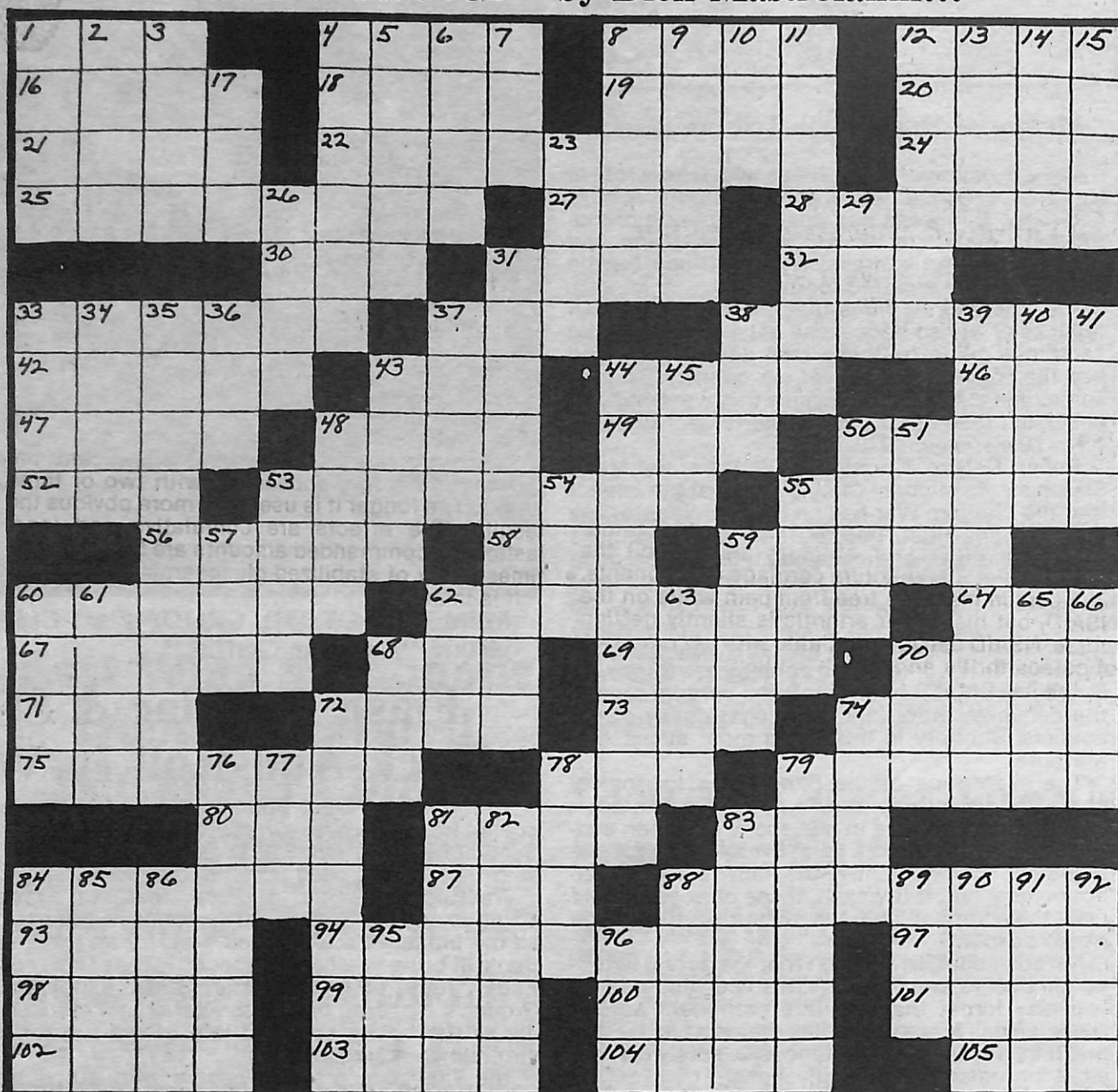
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Memorial Day Movie Tribute (Part I)

We will be honoring all those who were lost in war this weekend. As a special tribute, I have dedicated this week and next week's editions of "Pisano's Picks" to all war veterans, living and deceased, as an expression of gratitude for the hardships they endured for us.

I've selected six films that illustrate the harsh realities of war so people can get a glimpse of the sacrifices made by these men and women who had the courage to fight for our country. So take some time out from the picnics this weekend and check out these first three powerful war films.

* *The Deer Hunter*: 1978. Rated R.

Robert DeNiro, Christopher Walken, and Meryl Streep star in Michael Cimino's look at the impact that the Vietnam War had on its participants. The story begins just before the war, continues through the war, and concludes during the post-war. Cimino attempts to present the progressive changes in the characters over the course of the film.

DeNiro and Walken are perfectly cast as Pennsylvania steel workers who abruptly are thrown into the war effort. Much of the film centers around the dehumanization and emotional decay of the soldiers. Subtlety is this film's most successful attribute.

The even pace of the film makes for logical character alterations. We do not see a character as emotionally stable in one scene and then suddenly distraught in the next. Everything happens gradually. Consequently, the film is over three hours long; but, if it wasn't, these changes would lose their impact and the theme of the movie would be lost.

I'm compelled to mention that the acting is top-notch. DeNiro and Walken are so convincing that you may forget that they are prominent actors. Dialogue delivery exemplifies drama at its best in this film, and (in some instances) is solely responsible for the scenes' effectiveness.

This is to be applauded because of the transitional nature of this script, which is (as I've mentioned in the past) very difficult to execute successfully. Pre-war, war, and post-war are indeed fused together realistically through great acting and dialogue delivery without losing the premise of the story. **5 STARS.**

* *Platoon*: 1986. Rated R.

Olive Stone directs this intense war drama that centers around a young soldier's experiences during the Vietnam War. The film is frighteningly realistic and features strong performances by Tom Berenger, Willem Dafoe, Charlie Sheen, and Johnny Depp.

What makes this film so effective is clearly the high production value. Oliver Stone's attention to every detail provides *Platoon* with its intense holding power. Literally, from the opening credits to the conclusion, the film's excellent editing aids in smooth, succinct storytelling.

The graphic nature of the subject matter tends to be the central focus of other films of this type; utilizing extreme gore to the point of absurdity, but not in this film. Although there are obviously some graphic scenes in *Platoon*, their presence fits the context of the plot circumstances and were not exaggerated to sell movie tickets.

Platoon is a film that deals with an emotionally-charged issue by strictly adhering to facts, much like a documentary. The film was the winner of the Best Picture, Best Director, Best Editing, and Best Sound Oscars in 1986, and even today still stands out as one of the premier war films in recent movie history. **4 STARS.**

* *Full Metal Jacket*: 1987. Rated R.

With the immense success that *Platoon* celebrated in 1986, it seems that everyone jumped on the war film bandwagon in the late 1980's. Director Stanley Kubrick, assisted by the acting talents of Matthew Modine and Adam Baldwin, presents this adaptation of Gustav Hasford's "The Short Timers."

The film is primarily composed of two parts and thus unfolds much like a play, in that there is almost an Act 1 and an Act 2. The first part of the film deals with U.S. Marine basic training on Parris Island. Lee Ermey plays the seemingly heartless drill instructor with perfection. This is not surprising, since Ermey's role was also his former occupation in reality. Act 1 of this film, if you will, is clearly the best part, for Act 2 begins to cover familiar ground with the presentation of combat during the Vietnam War.

In spite of the fact that the second part of this film isn't necessarily something new, it is still quite riveting and well-acted. It also helps illustrate the importance of the first half of the film.

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MEMBERS OF THE GROUP Flash Cadillac, which performed in the now-classic motion picture "American Graffiti."

Flash Cadillac & SSO To Perform Classic Rock-And-Roll In West Spfld. On June 2nd

The Town of West Springfield will become a scene from *American Graffiti* as the Springfield Symphony Orchestra will Shake, Rattle and Roll with the original band from the movie.

WestSide's Picnic & Pops features Flash Cadillac and the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, as the biggest back-up band ever, for an evening that will bring you back to those "Happy Days" on Friday, June 2nd on the Eastern States Exposition Grounds. So, drag out those leather jackets, poodle skirts, bobby sox, and join in the fun for a stroll down memory lane.

The 7:00 p.m. program begins with a special opening act by the West Side Elementary string band and the West Springfield Junior High School Jazz Group.

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra and Flash Cadillac will take the stage at 8:00 p.m. performing the classics "Dancing in The Street," "Great Balls of Fire," "Pretty Woman," "Jailhouse Rock," and much more.

Gates open at 6:00 p.m. Food, beverages, and

beer and wine (sorry, no outside alcohol allowed) will be sold on the grounds or bring your own picnic. Lawn seating is \$16 for adults; \$12 for seniors, students, and groups of 10 or more; and youths 13 and under are free when accompanied by a paid adult. A chair ticket is available for \$30 and includes a reserved seat and a \$5 beverage/food coupon. (Chair tickets are available ONLY at the SSO Box Office.) AAA members save \$2 on \$16 or \$30 tickets when they show their AAA card.

Tickets will be available at all three AAA Pioneer Valley locations: 150 Capital Drive, West Springfield; Five Town Plaza on Cooley Street, Springfield; and the new branch office in Hadley on Route 9 in the Hadley Village Barn Shops.

In West Springfield, the Pipe & Book Shop at 105 Elm Street and Eastern States Exposition on Memorial Drive will also sell lawn tickets. All tickets are available at the Springfield Symphony Box Office, 75 Market Place, Springfield, or can be charged by phone, 413-733-2291.

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You can use your regular charcoal grill or gas grill as a smoker. Just do not put the meat over the fire. Use the indirect method.

Soak your wood chips in water, beer, or wine. Place in a tin over the fire so they will smolder and create smoke. Always start out using raw meats so the smoke can penetrate. This is where the flavor comes from.

I explained this to a man here in the North one-time and he said, "Ooh, who would want to eat something like that?" No imagination, I guess.

After it is cooked, then you add your BBQ sauce and just 'til it bubbles. Down South, we add it at the table.

Here is your recipe: 1 C tomato sauce, 1 C brown sugar, 1 Tsp red pepper, ½ C mustard, ¼ C cider vinegar, 2 Tsp garlic powder, and a pinch of salt. Cook it on the stove after it boils; simmer for 20 min. Let it cool and spread it on "dem ribs."

BBQ is for adding sweetness and sour. Try this one: 2 Tbs crushed garlic, ½ C mustard, ½ C grape jelly, ½ Tsp red pepper, pinch of salt, and ½ C red wine vinegar.

One more for the cook: ½ C Hoisen sauce, 1 C rice wine vinegar, 1 Tbs five-spice powder, 2 Tbs soy sauce, and a Tbs of crushed fresh ginger. Simmer on the stove for 10 to 15 min. Brush this on the ribs and cook till bubbly.

If this all seems like too much work, look for Mary Jean's BBQ sauce at 90 Meat Outlet on Avocado Street in Springfield.

A lot of folks will par cook the ribs and chicken. It works out OK; it just isn't the preferred method.

If you are going to par cook, use some of the flavoring agent in the pan when you're cooking. Place watered-down BBQ sauce over wings before you BBQ them. Combine some sauce with a bit of liquid smoke on pork with beef broth to water things down when you pre-cook the ribs.

A little extra time will make you the BBQ "King" or "Queen" in your neighborhood. Take care, and next week I'll talk about side salads.

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where character development was occurring. We now feel as though we know these characters.

This helps the viewer relate to the soldiers' plight on an individual basis. In other words, our interest is peaked because we want to see how individual characters will respond to the trauma of the war's events. This is a very clever and successful strategy by Kubrick to create characters we care about, only to see them encounter what many referred to as hell on earth. This creates great viewer participation through emotional involvement.

Full Metal Jacket is another quality war film. Emotion is a big part of a film of this genre, and Kubrick devises a great formula for ensuring audience involvement. Focusing first on character development, then on the war itself, creates an apex of emotion that viewers will succumb to. 4 STARS.

*** PISANO'S PICKS REVIEW GUIDE ***

- 5 STARS - Extraordinary.
- 4 STARS - Excellent.
- 3 STARS - Good.
- 2 STARS - Average.
- 1 STAR - Watchable.
- 0 STARS - Avoid.

Please send comments and film requests to "The Agawam Advertiser News," Attention: Lou Pisano, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Local Cultural Grants Announced For Agawam For 2000

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce the award of 23 grants totaling \$21,707 for cultural programs in Agawam. The grants were awarded to Agawam by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that supports public programs and educational activities in the arts, sciences, and humanities.

The Agawam Cultural Council is part of a grassroots network of 335 local councils that serve every city and town in the state. The program is the largest and most decentralized one of its kind in the United States.

The state Legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which then allocates funds to each local council. The decisions about activities to support are made at the community level, by a board of municipality-appointed volunteers.

"It's the local volunteers who really make this system work," said Keenan. "They make limited resources go as far as possible, and they make the tough decisions about which projects should be supported. Thanks to them, the arts, sciences, and humanities are part of everyday lives in every community across the state."

At The Red Door Theatre...

East Wind Saxophone Quartet Featured In Cabaret Concert

The EAST WIND SAXOPHONE QUARTET will perform a concert at The Red Door Theatre, 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, on Saturday, June 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. Featured performers are Ted Levine, Gina Glover, Aaron Dean, and Brenda McGurk.

This concert will be presented in the popular cabaret style seating at candlelit tables in this intimate theatre. The music program will feature several different musical styles (including classical, ragtime, and a Jewish wedding song), with introductions and short descriptions of each piece by the group's leader, Ted Levine. Levine is a professor on the music staff of Westfield State College and had recorded his own CD, "The Ted Levine Quartet - A Well Kept Secret."

Tickets for this event are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children under 12. They may be reserved by calling 789-2026. Audience members are invited to bring their own basket of goodies to enjoy at their tables.

Our office will be closed on Memorial Day (Mon., May 29th); we will reopen on Tues., May 30th, at 6:30 a.m.

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Program By Master Gardener At Agawam Library On June 1st

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to have Pamela D. Jacobsen, a freelance writer and advanced master gardener, on Thursday evening, June 1st, from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.

She will be presenting a program entitled, "Attracting Birds, Bees, and Butterflies to the Agawam and Western Massachusetts Gardens." There will be a 30- to 40-minute slide presentation, followed by a hands-on part, ending with a question and answer period.

She has a master's of education degree and a B.S. in biology. Prior to becoming a full-time writer, Jacobsen was an adjunct faculty member at Westfield State College and Springfield Technical Community College.

Her articles have appeared in publications such as *Fine Gardening*, *Country Journal*, *Herb Quarterly*, *The American Gardener*, *GreenScene*, and *Christian Science Monitor*. She writes a regular column, "The Herb Patch," for *BackHome* magazine.

She has lectured on various topics of horticulture at Westfield State College, Holyoke Community College, University of Massachusetts (Amherst), Connecticut Flower Show, the Connecticut Master Gardeners Annual symposiums, and at local garden clubs and nurseries throughout Western Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Jacobsen maintains several theme gardens at her home in Feeding Hills.

This program is free and open to the public. Please register in person or call 789-1550.

Gearing Up For Town's Summer Entertainment

The Agawam Cultural Council and Rotary Club are finalizing details for its summer series schedule for 2000. Several acts are back from past years and will complement some great new nationally-known groups.

Boston's *Wildest Dreams* plays a mix of reggae, calypso, and R&B. Their past performances have included a show at Giants Stadium during the World Cup Soccer Championships. Hartford's *Hornets* were named "Connecticut's Best Blues Band" and specialize in up-tempo "Jump Swing" music. *Souled Out* was last year's biggest draw and features a singing and dancing MoTown review. Seven other groups will also be featured with polka, show tunes, big band, rock and roll, and disco. The full schedule will be announced in June.

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Education

Multimedia Program Carries Message Of Hope

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

Wendy Bradley-Terwilliger coordinates the Substance Abuse Prevention Program at the Agawam Junior High School. The prevention of drug abuse has been one of the most challenging battles of the past several decades. It is a law enforcement problem as well as a social problem.

For youths passing through the vulnerable teen years, which can be difficult enough, putting a spin on their emotions through substance abuse only complicates everything.

Among the topics addressed for the students in the Substance Abuse Prevention Program in the spring of 2000, two stood out as especially relevant to people concerned with drug abuse: a presentation on smokeless tobacco, and a presentation on coping with anger titled "Go The Extra Mile."

Substance abuse can occur at any age. There are support groups in almost every city and town, offering people the chance to learn how to live free of drug and alcohol dependency. The "Big Book" they use compares a binge to someone repeatedly jaywalking or hitting themselves over the head with a large hammer.

Because young people are especially vulnerable, Mrs. Bradley-Terwilliger brings in presentations intended to help unravel some of the complications that come up in these disruptive years, especially for those who have shown an interest in the Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

One of the presentations offered through the program covered the use of smokeless tobacco by our nation's youth, which has risen considerably during the past two decades. Bob Bigelow presented the topic in the auditorium of Agawam Junior High.

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) is a confederation of 175,000 student-athletes from 345 public, private, and vocational secondary schools throughout the state of Massachusetts. The MIAA hired Bob Bigelow in January 1995 as an anti-tobacco consultant.

This position is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program (MTCP). Since he started his job, Bigelow has visited over 225 schools, conducted over 250 presentations, and spoken to over 70,000 students, faculty, coaches, administrators, and parents.

Smokeless tobacco, known as "spit tobacco," comes in two forms. One is a drier, broader-leaf "chewing" tobacco, placed in the cheek. This is also known as "chew." The other type is oral (moist snuff), a finely ground tobacco placed between the cheek and lower gum.

Health Hazards Of Smokeless Tobacco...

There are many potential negative health hazards of smokeless tobacco, such as gum recession, mouth lesions (sores), leukoplakia (white patches), and oral cancer. The odds of nicotine addiction can be increased due to greater quantities than in cigarettes in some kinds of smokeless tobacco. Teeth will yellow quickly with this product.

So, if someone takes this to be socially "in," there will probably be some unwanted consequences to one's appearance and to one's health, said Bigelow.

Bigelow is a former NBA first-round choice and four-year NBA player. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and went on to earn an MBA from Babson College. He is a native and resident of Winchester. Bigelow can be reached at either the MIAA offices at (508) 478-5641, or at his home office in Winchester at (781) 729-6134.

Also at the Junior High, Richard Drorbaugh gave a presentation for the Substance Abuse Prevention Program called "Go The Extra Mile." Drorbaugh was written up in *The Boston Globe* in June 1999 for taking his message on the road. Drorbaugh was angry. He lost his mother, father, and grandmother to cancer. He was only six when his mother died.

So, Drorbaugh knows a bit about coping with anger. His message is that it is okay to be angry, but it is important to "talk about feelings and let grief and anger out." The 36 year-old Drorbaugh at first bottled up a lot of his anger. "There was a lot of resentment and bitterness, and I used that energy to explode around the world on a bicycle," he said.

Drorbaugh does not recommend this method of handling anger, but he strongly urges students to



RICHARD DRORBAUGH (front row, center) recently brought his presentation, "Go The Extra Mile," to Agawam Junior High School. This appearance was sponsored by the school's Substance Abuse Prevention Program. Back row: Junior High pupils Nick Alvanos, Ben Bruso, Jake Swinicki, Sam Wagner, Marque Tortoriello, Steven De Boom, and Max Van Ossenbruggen. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

find *someone* they trust to talk to. His presentation is about anger management. "Kids need to know it's okay to be upset, not to withdraw when bad things happen. It's okay to feel upset and be able to express those feelings," he said.

Bringing Hope And Encouragement To Youths...

The lively multimedia program intends to bring hope and encouragement to today's youth. Drorbaugh was voted as One of the 10 Outstanding Young Americans and won the 1995 Hero Athlete Award for his fundraising efforts to fight the battle against cancer. He was among a team of three who biked 13,665 miles across 32 countries in 344 days.

Drorbaugh encouraged Agawam youths to steer negative emotions into positive directions. He spoke of overcoming obstacles to meet goals,

of anger management, and steps to take for bereavement and grief. His message in a nutshell is, "It's okay to be angry or be enraged or bitter or upset ... because you can use that energy to set healthy goals and help others."

He urged the students to turn to *someone*. Turning to an adult might seem difficult because of the age difference, but there is usually someone who can help provide direction or comfort.

The audience asked a few questions and Drorbaugh made himself available for them to meet him and talk further. His attitude was helpful, and the kids were urged to get their anger out by talking with a counselor, a teacher, or a substance abuse counselor. "If you are in trouble, find *someone* who is willing to listen and seems able to relate. Don't give up."



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“Earth Day Fair” At Agawam High...



LAST MONTH, the S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violating the Environment) program hosted an Earth Day Fair at Agawam High School to provide people with information about the environment. IN LEFT PHOTO: Susan Cormier and Sandy Szlachetka talk about the American chestnut, which was almost annihilated by a blight back in 1904. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Denise Vogel, a representative of Western Massachusetts Electric Company. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



TWENTY-SIX ORGANIZATIONS APPEARED at AHS's Earth Day Fair. IN LEFT PHOTO: Cindy Sanford-Taylor represented the Agawam Junior Women's Club. IN RIGHT PHOTO: John O'Krongly tries out a "recumbent bicycle" as Athletic Director Kathy McSweeney and others look on. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

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Learning How To Help The Earth...



PAT BERTONE-GROSS (right), advisor to S.A.V.E., with School Committee member Roberta Doering and Mayor Richard Cohen at the Earth Day Fair. Photo courtesy of James Bertone-Gross.



BARBARA FARINGTON of the Naturalist Club speaks with Eliza Dickmann and Megan Hoppe at the Earth Day Fair which was hosted by S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violating the Environment) last month at Agawam High School. Photo courtesy of James Bertone-Gross.

Jenika Peeler Receives Activity Award At AIC

American International College recently honored Jenika Peeler of Agawam for outstanding commitment to student activities. The annual Co-curricular Awards Ceremony was held April 27th in the Karen Sprague Cultural Arts Center, recognizing 50 students.

Peeler received a *Junior Achievement Award*. Majoring in biology, she is the president of the outing club, and a member of the biology club and the equestrian club.

Awards were given to outstanding members of each class, as well as to seniors who have given four years of dedicated service to various student activities.

American International College is a private, four-year, coeducational institution founded in 1885. The College offers more than 30 majors in the school of arts and sciences, business administration, health sciences, and psychology and education.

For more information, contact the Office of Public Relations at (413) 747-6231.

Retirement Party For AHS Teachers Slated For Thursday, June 8th

A Retirement Party for Ed Merrill, Bev Pasternak, Gerry Smith, and Rosemary Stratton will be held on Thursday, June 8th at Chez Josef.

A Social Hour will be held at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00. Tickets are \$35 each. The price includes gifts and dinner choice.

Tickets may be purchased from Al Baggetta, Pat Bertone-Gross, Arlene Mazza, Wayne Morse, and Jim White.

Contact Arlene Mazza at Agawam High School for further information. Reservations must be made by May 26th.

Two Retiring Middle School Teachers To Be Honored At Party

A retirement party for Agawam Middle School teachers Nancy Hellquist and Evelyn Lester will be held on Wednesday, June 14th, in the Carriage House at Storowton Tavern, West Springfield.

A social hour (cash bar) will begin at 6:00 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7:00. Cost is \$30 per person, dinner and gifts included. Choices of entree include baked Boston scrod, boneless breast of chicken, or roast sirloin of beef.

Reservations must be made by Tuesday, May 30th. Please send your check (with your dinner selection written on it) to Gloria LaRiviere, Secretary, Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

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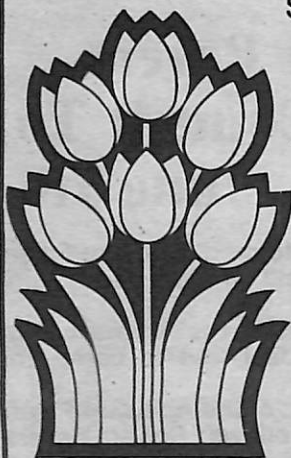
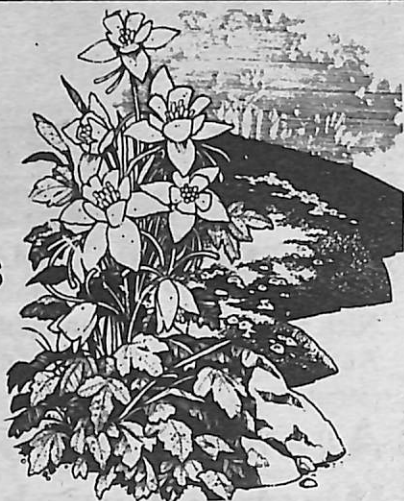
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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 29th: Memorial Day (no school).

Tuesday, May 30th: Oven-baked rib dip-pers, dipping sauce, bread and butter, green beans, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, May 31st: Baked rotini with meat and spaghetti sauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, Italian bread and butter, chilled pears in syrup or Jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, June 1st: Diced chicken pieces in gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned mixed vegetables, bread and butter, peanut butter bar or pineapple tidbits, milk.

Friday, June 2nd: Half tuna salad sandwich, half peanut butter sandwich, seasoned potato wedges, niblet corn, ice cream cup, milk.

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Agawam Parent Advisory Council To Meet Wed., June 7th

A meeting of the newly-formed Agawam Parent Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, June 7th, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Agawam High School cafeteria. Please feel free to come and join the meeting.

The committee members of the Agawam Parent Advisory Council are as follows: Robert Sellers, president; Janice Mesick, vice-president; Mary Ouimet, treasurer; Terry Elkins, secretary; Anne Marie Smith, parent liaison; and Bonnie Waters, public relations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Robert Sellers, 786-8583, or Bonnie Waters, 789-1755.

Alfred Albano Elected To Phi Beta Kappa At Hamilton

Agawam resident Alfred J. Albano, a member of the Class of 2000 at Hamilton College, has been elected to the Society of Phi Beta Kappa, the best-known national symbol of academic success in the liberal arts and sciences.

Albano is a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School.

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Pack 77 Scouts Enjoy Competition Of Pinewood Derby

Race day finally arrived for Pack 77 on Sunday, March 26th. The Cub Scouts eagerly await the Pinewood Derby, where the boys race the cars they have designed, cut, and decorated from a block of wood.

Top time finishers get to go to the district derby to compete with other Scouts from the Pioneer Valley. This year, Packs were allowed to send the top three Tiger Scouts, top four Wolf/Bear Scouts, and the top three Webelos Scouts to the district derby.

Pack 77 Cub Scouts won three of the 10 district trophies. In the Tiger Scout division, Jeremy Blood finished in first place, followed by Branden Pranka (P118) and Cody Glaiel (P820). The top Wolf/Bear Scout racers were Dylan Grimasley (P104), Cody Rodrigues (P109), Joseph Skawinski (P131), and David Hamel (P118).

And in the Webelos Scout division, Nick Abraham won first place, Patrick Harper of Pack 118 was second, and Josh Blood placed third.

AHS Holds Annual National Honor Society Induction

On Thursday, May 4th, the Eleanor Smith Chapter of the National Honor Society at Agawam High School held its induction ceremony.

The following NHS students are from the class of 2000: Sheri Benton, James Borowiec, Neil Butler, Laura Charest, Elizabeth Coelho, Valerie Cross, Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, Stephan Ferriera, Amanda Galluzzo, Pamela Gervais, Nicole Ghaname, Brian Gilhooly, Anthony Goodrow, Scott Harris, Adam Howe, Nicole Koehler, Jennifer Lyman, Mary Manning, John Marcotte, Stephanie McLane, Laura Reveruzzi, Katherine Shannon, Caroline Scherpa, Matthew Sharpe, Kerry St. Laurent, Matthew Taylor, and Caitlin Weisgerber.

The newly-inducted NHS members are from the class of 2001: Danielle Bachini, Maria Bakhareva, Lisa Bienia, Jenna Bodurtha, Corinne Butova, William Campana, Gina Castellanos, Timothy Chretien, Elizabeth Clark, Keegan Clark, Shannon Costa, Nicole Dominick, Peter Dreniak, Adam Ellsworth, Corey Federico, Michael Federico, Tara Feeley, Scott Fleming, Sara Gregory, Ashley Guiel, Amy Jensen, Janet Jock, Lauren Kida, Ryan Lepard, Jennifer Mercadante, Steven Messina, Rachel Morris, Rebecca Naciewicz, Ellen Nasiatka, Kaitlin O'Brien, Timothy Ranstrom, Amy Richards, Danielle Sienkiewicz, Joanna Surowiec, and James Wisniewski.

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From The AHS Guidance Office...

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School
Guidance Counselor

Graduation And Commencement...

I know, I know. The title looks redundant, but when you actually consider the two words, you will see that they are different and should both be used to commemorate the important time when one finishes his schooling.

Let's consider the word 'graduation.' It means the completion of a course of study. And that's exactly what is happening to our seniors at AHS next week. They will be done. As the saying goes, "No more teachers, no more books..." Most have worked diligently and will earn their well-deserved diplomas to mark their achievements. But then what? And that takes me to our next word - 'commencement.' In addition to meaning the time for conferring degrees on candidates, it also means a time of beginning. Indeed, graduation is a time of beginning. It's a time when a student finishes one chapter in life and begins a new one.

I think it is the idea of commencement that instills fear in a student as well as his parents. It is the idea of venturing forth into the unknown. After all, the student has been in a comfort zone for 18-plus years; parents usually know where to find him.

The student's time is scheduled. He knows when he should get up, when each class begins and ends, when lunch occurs, and what his boundaries are concerning parental rules. For 18 years, his educational map has been drawn and defined. There is comfort in that for both student and parent. Now, after 13 years of schooling, that security is about to end and a new beginning, a commencement, is happening.

Having had three sons graduate from high school, I know that it can be a difficult time. Yes, I was happy for my sons and proud of their many accomplishments, yet I was unhappy that the apron strings were finally being cut and they were leaving home. I think, too, that the whole happening kind of puts you in touch with the fact that you're getting older; you've reached a new passage. So, for you as a parent, it's also a time of graduation ... a graduating from being a mom with a child who comes home for meals, sleeps in the house and lives by your rules, and a time of commencement - a new beginning that requires you to give your kid space, to allow him to go unfettered into the world, learning through his mistakes and accomplishments.

Now that you know it's hard for a parent, can you imagine how hard it is for your child? He doesn't want you to know that he's scared, that he's going into uncharted waters, that he's not sure what he will find or if he will like it. Is he making the right choice? He's been a big man on campus, a football star, a scholar, or whatever, and now he knows he will have to start over again. For him, it's a graduation from his comfort zone of public school to a commencement at a new place.

What can be done to quell this uneasiness on both the parent and the kid's part? Openness with your feelings is a good way to start. If you admit how you are feeling, you give your child license to share his feelings with you. Also, try to share with him how you felt when you finished high school. If you went away to school, what was it like? Honesty is a good way to invite honesty. Getting everything out in the open is a good way to settle that uneasy feeling. Letting your child know that it is normal to have some scary thoughts about graduation will make him feel better.

With kids who are not leaving home, it will still be a change. Routines will be different. They are older now and have to start making their own decisions and by allowing them to do this, you are giving them the wings they need to fly to new heights, to grow, and to explore.

At home, away, at work, and/or at school, do keep the lines of communication open. Set aside time for telephoning and sharing. Send letters and care packages to youngsters who are away. If you reach out, they will reach out and together you will grapple successfully with your new beginning.

As you both, parents and graduates, get used to your new roles, I wish you well. It takes time, but I guarantee that this next passage will prove to be a rewarding one, filled with challenges, some frustrations, but a lot of satisfaction, too. My best wishes for an enjoyable graduation and a positive commencement.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

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HEIDI REIPRICH (left) and LORI O'DEA (right) of American International College.

Area Students Inducted Into Alpha Chi Honor Society At American International College

During a recently held candlelight ceremony, 14 students at American International College were inducted into Alpha Chi, the national honor society.

The induction ceremony was held in the Bradley Room of the Schwartz Campus Center, and was attended by students and faculty members, as well as college administrators.

Among those students who were inducted were the following area residents:

Heidi Reiprich of Agawam, a junior physical therapy major. She is the daughter of Sandra Crawford and Paul Reiprich; and...

Lori O'Dea of Feeding Hills, also a junior

physical therapy major. She is the daughter of Sandra & Paul O'Dea.

The honor society recognizes high academic achievement and encourages students to continue their development through graduate work. The organization also supports a scholarship program on behalf of the students, encourages them to participate in regional and national programs, and publishes a yearly magazine and newsletter.

Alpha Chi was founded in 1915 and is a member of the Association of College Honor societies. The AIC chapter, the first in the Northeast, was founded in 1948.

IT'S LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY: The AAN's annual "Graduation Issue" will be published on Thursday, June 22nd, featuring coverage of AHS and collegiate graduates and this year's scholarship recipients.

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A "Dragon" At James Clark School???



WILBRAHAM & MONSON ACADEMY STUDENTS recently performed the play "The Reluctant Dragon" for the students at James Clark School. The students watched as the "townspeople" decided what to do with the "dragon" hiding in their forest. "The boy who liked to read" tried to reason with them, but the townspeople wanted a battle. After a mock chase and battle between the dragon and "Knight George," the students joined in a celebration dance. Paid for by the James Clark student council, the pupils look forward to the programs presented by Wilbraham & Monson Academy. IN LEFT PHOTO: The townspeople plead with Sir George to battle the dragon. IN RIGHT PHOTO: The dragon explains that it doesn't want to fight — it wants to live quietly in peace.

Storowton Village Museum Seeks Junior Counselors

Eastern States Exposition's Storowton Village Museum in West Springfield is offering a unique opportunity for youths ages 14-16 to serve as junior counselors guiding children ages seven-12 through its popular Early American Summer Day Camp.

Two five-day camp sessions will take place, July 31st-August 4th and August 7th-11th, from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Junior counselors are encouraged to take part in this wonderful opportunity to work with youth, dress in authentic clothing of the era and learn more about the 18th and 19th century through the eyes of children. Training for counselors begins July 26th.

Within the setting of an authentically reconstructed 19th century historic village and under the supervision of experienced staffers, children will try on a 19th century lifestyle and participate in challenging and fun hands-on ac-

tivities, crafts, and games throughout the week. Participants will make paper, work a blacksmith's forge, milk a cow, make cheese, butter, ice cream, and herbal muffins, and weave Indian baskets, just to name a few activities.

Each day of the week will introduce a specific theme and include related activities.

Monday: "Old and New Day"; **Tuesday:** "Hands-On Day"; **Wednesday:** "Dairy Day"; **Thursday:** "Wool Day"; **Friday:** "Show-Off Day."

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Other demonstrations and activities children will enjoy include writing with quill pens in the Village's one-room schoolhouse, playing hoop and sack games on the Green, dancing to music from 150 years ago and enjoying early American stories.

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Keeping "Track" Of The Competition...



COACH BILL DILLON (front row, far left) and ASSISTANT COACH JOE BIANCA (front row, second from the right) with the members of the 2000 spring season boys' track team at Agawam High School. The Brownies will be represented this Saturday, May 27th, when the Western Massachusetts track championships take place at Springfield College. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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Baseball vs. Cathedral...

AHS Nipped By Panthers, 2-1 At Forest Park

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High Brownie baseball team traveled to Forest Park in Springfield Monday afternoon for a game against Cathedral. There was little doubt that the 13-inning, 4-3 Agawam win last week over the Panthers was fresh on the minds of both teams. This one was no marathon. The Panthers won, 2-1, in regulation.

Agawam fell to 10-7, 3-2. The Panthers went to 12-6, 3-3. At this writing, Agawam had two games left; at Comp and their season-ender at home against Holyoke.

Senior Derek Mercadante was on the mound for the visitors. He would pitch five innings, strike out two, walk the same number, and give up five hits, all singles, three of which never left the infield.

Cathedral scored two in the third. A leadoff walk started things off. After catcher Corey Federico tracked down a foul pop, Mercadante drilled the next Panther. An infield hit saw the bases loaded with one out. Mercadante then uncorked a wild pitch, bringing home the game's first run, but then pitched out of any further difficulty.

A Slight Controversy

Cathedral's second score and the eventual game-winner was slightly controversial. With men on second and third, a ball was hit at shortstop Brandon Donovan. He had a look at home. But just as he was checking the runner at third, the runner coming from second, Derek Yvon, ran into him in what looked to be a clear case of interference. Donovan was able to throw to first for the out. While he was busy doing that, the run came across the plate. Coach Pete Clark came out to argue; however, the umpires weren't about to change their call (that the interference was unintentional).

Agawam came up with its lone run in the fifth. Wit one out, Brian Chechile rapped his second single of the game, went to second on a wild pitch, and came home on a Jack Pearson single.

Marc Barcomb would come in to pitch for Agawam in the sixth. He would get the side in order.

Boys' Varsity Tennis...

Brownies Lose A Close One To Chicopee, 3-2

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' tennis team almost put one into the left-hand column last Monday, May 15th, against visiting Chicopee High. But the Brownies fell, 3-2, in a match that might have been different if they didn't have to forfeit third singles because of a no-show.

Agawam lost its two singles matches. Playing in the number-one hole, Ryan Lepard went down, 2-6 and 3-6. "Ryan's opponent was just more consistent, which spelled the difference in the end," Agawam boys' varsity Coach Bill Spear noted.

Second singles saw another tough match. Adam Rovithis came up short, 3-6 and 4-6. "Adam played hard and almost got it to a third set. He is just a sophomore and will only get better," Spear said.

But the doubles really had the coach pumped up. Both teams were winners. First doubles had junior Mike Federico and junior Mike Hanley teamed up. They came from behind to win the opening set in a tiebreaker — 7-6 (7-4). AHS took the second set, 6-4. "They were very consistent. That, to me, was why they won," the coach explained.

Second doubles brought more satisfaction Spear's way. Geoff Cartello, a sophomore, and freshman Myungsuk Ro lost 6-7 (1-7) in a first set tiebreaker, then came roaring back to whip their Pacer opponents, 6-1, 6-3. "They did a great job of regaining their composure in that match," the coach smiled.

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Leading The Boys' Track Team...



RYAN MALANSON AND JUSTIN MERCIERI, this year's captains of the Agawam High School boys' varsity track team, with Coach Bill Dillon (far left) and Assistant Coach (Joe Bianca). Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Heading For WMass. Tournament...



THE AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' TRACK TEAM is heading for the Western Mass. Division I Team Tournament on Saturday, May 27th, at Springfield College. The Brownies (coming off a strong showing at the 11-team PVIAC Individuals last Saturday) finished the regular season at 7-2 and were ranked third in Western Mass. by the *Union News* "Fab Five" poll this past Tuesday. The senior captains and coaches are pictured above (from left to right): Aja Paquette and Marie Buendo, captains; Rebecca Brown, Assistant Coach; Dean Vecchiarelli, Head Coach; Dan Pryce, Assistant Coach; and Kerry McGeoghan, Kristen Lawson, and Gina Loudfoot, captains. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.

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Agawam High School Loses To Westfield and Central, Then Defeats Palmer High

On May 12th, the Agawam High School girls' varsity tennis team fell to Westfield, 1-4.

In first singles, Kaitlin White lost to Megan Doe, 1-6, 0-6.

Liz Stieg, in second singles, also finished at 1-6, 0-6 against her Westfield opponent, Jess Greeley.

Kelly Webb made a contest of it in third singles against Andrea Lysy, but the Bomber was the ultimate victor — 1-6, 6-7 (4-7).

In first doubles, the Agawam duo of Brittany Shields/Kristen Berry were outplayed by Casey Popek/Jaime Flaheve of Westfield, 1-6, 0-6.

According to Mary Wolochowicz, the Brownies' head coach, "As is very evident from the scores, Westfield has a strong team. In fact, they are again first in our league. Kelly (Webb) made a valiant effort in the second, but she just couldn't hold on. We were missing three of our regular starters for doubles, but we'll see next week if that was really a factor.

On a positive note, the day wasn't a complete washout for the Brownies, as the second doubles team of Kaitlin O'Brien/Kerri Merriman of AHS defeated Megan Miller/Cara Kopalz, 6-1, 7-5.

"What a surprise," exclaimed Wolochowicz after the competition was over. "This was the first time either of these girls had played a match this year. They played like veterans, and they were impressive. They gave us some hope for next week."

The Brownies faced the girls of Central on May 16th, and were totally dominated by the Springfield team, 0-5.

In first singles, Kaitlin White lost to Julie Pleet, 3-6, 2-6.

Coach Wolochowicz stated, "Katie just couldn't get it going today. She played better and smarter in the second set, but Julie also pushed her game higher."

Liz Stieg fell to Georgia Clarke in second singles action, 6-7 (4-7), 1-6.

"Georgia had Liz running all over the place with her placement, and for the most part, Liz kept up with her," remarked Wolochowicz. "The long and hard first set tie-breaker took a lot out of Liz physically and mentally, and Georgia was able to finish the match with not too much trouble."

Jen Leupo, in the third singles position, couldn't overcome her Central opponent, Molly Clark, 1-6, 3-6.

"Jen was up against a tough player with a lot more experience," said the coach, adding, "Molly played well, and Jen did an outstanding job chasing down shots and showed a great deal of improvement since her first match."

In first doubles, the competition was a hard-fought, take-no-prisoners match that lasted for almost three-and-a-half hours. Actually, it was three different matches, each set having its own unique style.

As usual, Kelly Webb and Jen Jutte of Agawam got off to a slow start against Salva Abdoo and Julia Vasilionok. In the second set, the Brownies played well and their supporters hoped they'd continue playing with a great deal of confidence and hitting the shots hard.

In the third set, both teams were trying not to lose rather than trying to win. As the match came to an end, the emotions were so strong that the players were mentally exhausted as well as physically tired coming off the court.

The scores of this exciting match went as follows: 4-6, 6-2, 6-7 (6-8).

Brittany Shields/Kerri Merriman, in the second doubles position, started off strong against Kate Robbins/Erika Arrastia, but eventually lost to their Central opponents, 6-3, 0-6, 3-6.

"Kerri got a chance to play this match because of her fine job in the Westfield match last week," said Wolochowicz. "She and Brittany got off to a quick start, but then the more experienced Central team was able to pick up their game and pull off the win."

On May 17th, Agawam High was victorious over Palmer High, 4-1.

Kaitlin White won the first singles match over Kate Robert, 6-2, 6-2.

Liz Stieg, in second singles, defeated Sarah Charwick, 6-3, 6-3.

Kelly Webb continued the Brownies' winning ways on this day by getting the best of Palmer's Kayla Jameson, 6-0, 6-1.

"Kelly was outstanding," beamed Coach Wolochowicz. "She ran and hit the ball consistently, and was totally in control. Agawam just played well today. We wanted to win today because Palmer won the last match."

In first doubles, Agawam's Jen Jutte/Lisa Niedziela faced Jen Niedziela/Amy Mandell, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

"This was the stadium match today," stated the coach. "Last time, the three-setter went to Palmer, which earned them the match. This time, Jen and Lisa were not going to let that happen. There was a tremendous number of great points and the games were so close, the match could have gone either way."

Agawam High's only loss against Palmer came in the second doubles match, as Brittany Shields/Emily Morton bowed to Christina Demaio/Libby Whitney, 3-6, 1-6.

"Brittany and Emily just never got their match off the ground," said Wolochowicz. "Palmer dominated the net and the groundstrokes."

IT'S LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY: The AAN's annual "Graduation Issue" will be published on Thursday, June 22nd, featuring coverage of AHS and collegiate graduates and this year's scholarship recipients.

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Volleyball vs. Pioneer Valley...

Brownies Fall To Pioneer Valley, Defeat Putnam

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' volleyball team had its chances against visiting Pioneer Valley before falling to the Panthers, 15-14-8, 12-16-15 Tuesday evening at AHS.

Agawam finished the season at 12-8, 9-1. They are headed for the playoffs and will learn their place in the seedings by the end of the week.

Agawam had to fight from behind in all three games. Coach Pat Demers started a front line of Jeff Maynard, Matt Taylor, and Adam Howe. They were backed up by Matt Gaffney, Brad Theriaque, and Vic Romano. Pioneer jumped out to a 5-1 lead.

Agawam began a comeback behind the service games of Ken Shaw, Mike Thomas, and Theriaque. They went up, 6-5, when Pioneer hit a Theriaque service long.

Agawam Begins To Pull Ahead

Agawam began to pull ahead on services by Shaw and Joe Maynard and big spikes by Mike Thomas plus defensive blocks courtesy of Romano. The Brownies led, 14-7, on two aces from Brian Forsman, who would have 11 in the game. However, Pioneer came back to trail, 14-12, on Shaw's serve and a nice touch kill by Thomas for the 15-12 win.

Thomas, Taylor, and Jeff Maynard manned the front line and Joe Maynard, Forsman, and Theriaque backed them up to start game two. Pioneer took a quick 4-0 lead before Forsman got an opportunity to showcase his leaping line drive serve. He did just that. Five straight aces had Agawam up, 5-4. A Thomas spike, a PV net infraction, another Forsman winner, and another Thomas spike saw the Brownies up, 9-4. Forsman would serve two more times in that run to increase Agawam's lead to 11-4.

Pioneer, who beat the Brownies up there in the first game of the season, began to come back. They took a 12-11 lead. However, it was Forsman's turn on the back line after a Panther net ball. The junior put Agawam back up, 14-12. But Agawam couldn't get the final point of the game as the Panthers, playing some good defense, managed to tie it, then win it, 16-14.

Jeff Maynard, Taylor, and Thomas were up front to start game three. Theriaque, Forsman, and Joe Maynard backed them up.

Pioneer went out to a 5-2 lead and never trailed. The Agawam defense seemed to be tentative in this game. And they were missing some offensive opportunities they shouldn't have missed. That translated into a 13-7 Panther lead. They had double the service games in the final set and went on to win it, 15-8, and the match, three games to one.

The volleyball team beat Putnam at the High School, Monday afternoon, 16-15, 15-9. According to Demers, the kids were a little sluggish. "I gave them the weekend off and that might have had something to do with it," she noted.

Some of the kids had good performances, according to the coach. Among them were Brad Theriaque and Mike Thomas, who were big at the net with a combined 17 kills. Joe Maynard had several good service games and his brother, Jeff, was also solid on both the back and front lines.

Boys' Lacrosse Clean-Up The Woods..

Boys' Lacrosse Team Cleans-Up Some Woods

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

If you're prone to such things, then take a peek sometimes at the woods between the Agawam Junior High and Granger Elementary schools on your way by.

Over the spring break, the Agawam High boys' lacrosse team, along with some of the kids from the AHS freshman baseball team, went through and picked up all the trash.

While the clean-up ended up being a team idea, the lacrosse team's assistant Coach, Bill Moore, first suggested it. "We use their practice fields at the Junior High and it just seemed like a nice gesture to collect the stuff in the woods," he said.

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Softball vs. Amherst...

Agawam High Rallies Its Forces For A Come-From-Behind, 4-3 Victory

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' softball team had a nailbiter against visiting Amherst Regional on Monday afternoon. They were down 3-1 in the fifth and had to come from behind for their 4-3 win.

Agawam went to 13-5, 5-2. The Hurricanes dropped to 9-7, 1-5. The Brownies have their regular season finale at West Side this Friday.

Agawam only managed four hits, but made the most of them. They scored first in the third. Freshman Vicky Taylor drew a walk. Tiff Blackman, playing short for the injured Jill Gendron (and playing the position well, according to Coach Debbie Lickley), singled. Amanda Merola also singled, sending Taylor home.

It stayed 1-0, Brownies, until the fifth when the Hurricanes came up with their three off sophomore Kate Ludwig, who only gave up three hits in the game.

In the bottom of the inning, the locals responded after junior Lisa Bienia tripled. Senior Jen

Burke grounded out, but it got Bienia home, cutting the Amherst lead to 3-2.

Agawam's next score came in the sixth. It shows how well they can manufacture runs. After a Caitlin Conte single, senior Jen Lyman laid down a bunt that was blown by the Hurricanes' second sacker, allowing Conte to take third. Then junior Jen Bishop grounded out. But it got Conte home to tie things at three.

Agawam, again manufacturing runs, got the game-winner in its half of the seventh. Blackman, with one gone, reached on a throwing error and raced to second. Junior Amanda Merola, with her second hit of the game, a single, sent Blackman to third where Lickley held her. Then, All-Western Mass. catcher Dianna DiStefano lofted a sac fly to left, which was good enough to get Blackman home with the game-winner, the second time in the past week DiStefano knocked in the winning run.

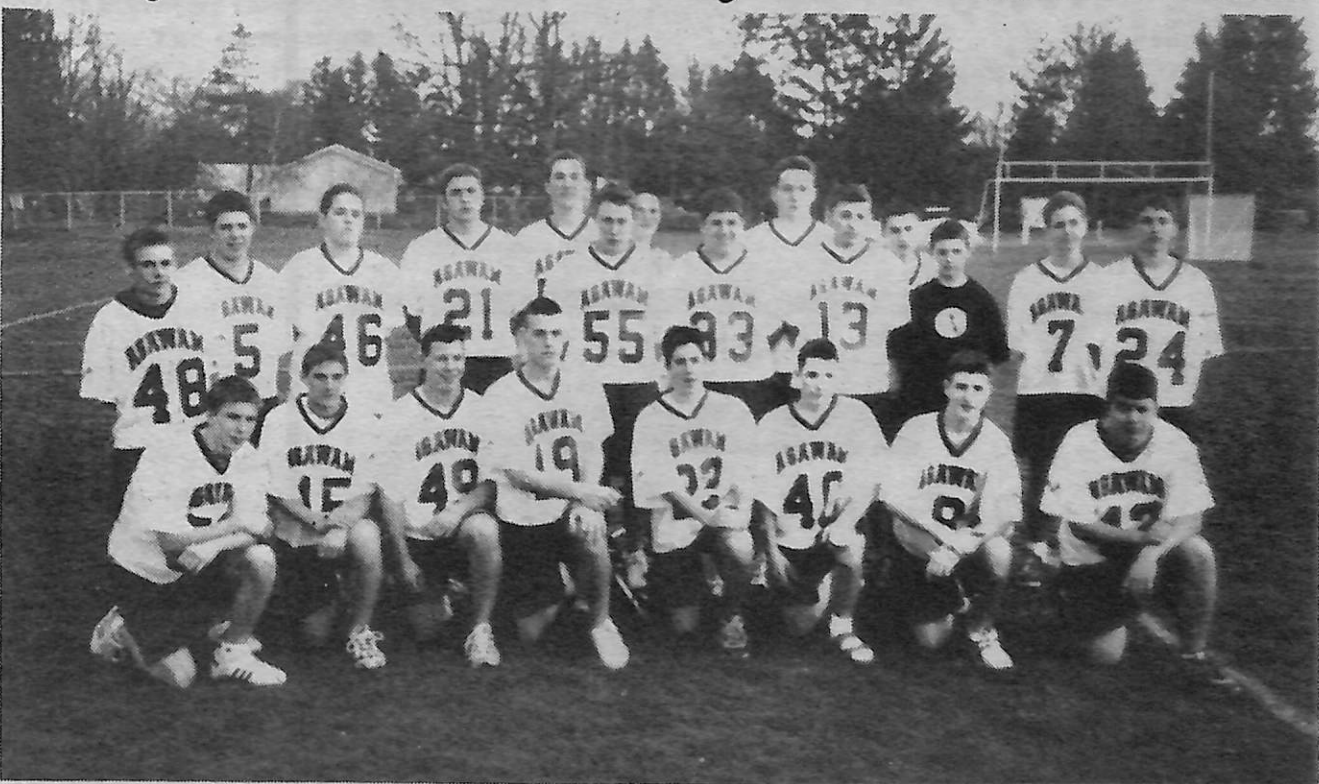
The Junior Varsity Baseball Roster...



BACK ROW: Brian Knight, Mike Carmody, Tom Boisjolie, Bill Campana, Jay Sheridan, Lou Conte, Sean Devall, Adam D'Amario, and Coach Chris Chechile. FRONT ROW: Mike Brunelle, Matt Rheault, John Lynch, Jay Yarmowitz, Brian Carney, and Jessie Kelleher.

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Boys' Junior Varsity Lacrosse Team



STANDING: Dave Reynolds, Andrew Huffman, Colin Reilly, Vinny Tirone, Mike Skowron, Mike Piccin, Mike McGeoghan, Dan Gomes, Dave Lage, Vinny Martucci, Justin Lepard, Jordan Welner, Matt Couture, and Adam Blackak. KNEELING: Lou Vivenzio, Paul Lagasse, Scott Allen, Jeremiah Maloni, Ryan Trexler, Dave Pashek, Dan Sullivan, and Keith Cosimini. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Baseball vs. Comp...

Shell-Shocked Brownies Lose To Chic. Comp, 12-1

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

"I said they were a better team than the one we beat 18-1 earlier in the season. They sure proved it today."

That was Agawam High baseball Coach Pete Clark's take after his Brownies had been thoroughly whipped, 12-1, by Chicopee Comp Tuesday afternoon over in Chicopee.

Agawam fell to 10-8, 3-3. Comp went to 14-4, 4-2. Agawam, at this writing, would be entertaining Holyoke on Wednesday, May 24th, in their final regular-season game.

Indeed, the defending Western Mass. champs could manage only three hits off Colts' pitcher Jeremy Hartbarger, who got many Brownies to bang ground balls to just about all his infielders. "He had that nice little change working for him," Clark noted. Also, six Agawam errors, leading to seven unearned Comp runs, didn't help the cause.

But mostly it was a lost cause for the visitors. Comp scored two in the first off starter Scott Harlin on a walk, a single, and a two-run double.

Brownies' Lone Run In The Second

The Brownies got their lone run in the second. Harlin walked with two outs. A Mike Hill single sent the pitcher to third. Aaron Gilbert then rammied a single up the middle, sending Harlin home.

Comp would score four runs (three unearned) in the bottom of the second. Harlin was gone and the rout was on. With two outs, Marc Barcomb got the call from Clark. But the junior, though he might have deserved better, would fare no better. He gave up the three unearned runs (charged to Harlin's time on the hill).

While Agawam was pounding worm-burners which the Comp infielders were gobbling up, the Chicopee team was taking care of business. They scored four more in the third, three of them (again) unearned on two Agawam errors. Barcomb, after wild pitching in a run, left with two outs. Clark then gave the ball to junior Lou Conte, Jr., who managed to get the final out when first baseman Tony LeClair grabbed a grounder and stepped on the bag.

Hartbarger was getting stronger going into the fourth. His mates were still producing as well. Comp would score its final two in the bottom of the inning on an error, a double, a failed attempt to get the runner at home on a grounder to short, a blown pick-off play at first, and a wild pitch.

If there was a bright spot on the day for Agawam, it came in the bottom of the sixth when junior Ben Lapins came on to pitch. Lapins had been bothered and sidelined by tendinitis since the season began in April. But the left-hander showed well, striking out two Colts, giving up a single, and a lineout to right. A healthy Lapins will be a major factor in the upcoming playoffs for the Brownies.

BROWNIE STATS: Donovan - 0-2; Rheault - 0-3; St. Jean - 0-3; LeClair - 0-2; Chechile - 0-3; Harlin - 0-0, 1RS; Hill - 1-3; Gilbert - 1-2, 1RBI; Pearson - 1-2; Conte - 0-1; D. Mercadante - 0-0.

PITCHING: Harlin (L) - 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ IP, 4H, 6R, 3ER, 2BB, 0SO, 12.65 ERA. Barcomb - 1IP, 2H, 4R, 1ER, 2BB, 0SO, 7.00ERA. Conte - 2 $\frac{1}{3}$ IP, 2H, 2R, 1ER, 0BB, 2SO, 2.63ERA. Lapins - 1IP, 1H, 0R, 0ER, 0BB, 2SO, 0.00ERA.

CLEAN-UP - from Page 46...

What they did was, one day before practice walk the width of the woods, trash bags in hand. Their efforts made a big difference.

The whole exercise took about a half-hour. When they were done, 20 bags had been filled, which they put by the dumpster at the Junior High for collection.

Depending on your point of view, Moore said they did find some interesting things - three unopened beer bottles, five golf balls, and Shawn Gloster also found one of his sister's computer discs. The baseball players found golf balls along with three tires and a car hood.

"Who knows?" smiled Moore. "Maybe we can turn this into an annual rite of spring."

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Profile...

Jeff Maynard: A Two-Year Veteran Of The AHS Boys' Volleyball Team

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One of the big reasons the Agawam High boys' volleyball team is 9-1 in the Southern Division, 12-7 overall (in the spring 2000 season), and headed for the playoffs has been the performance of Jeff Maynard. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about his days at AHS.

He turned 18 on October 22nd. Jeff stands 5'11" and weighs in at 170 pounds.

He has spent all four years of his secondary education at the High School. His course load this semester includes English 12, job corps, physics, and multi-media. Jeff is also a member of the Renaissance Club. Multi-media is his favorite course. Edward Merrill is his top teacher. This fall, Jeff plans to attend Springfield Technical Community College with a major in multi-media.

His sport is volleyball. "I'd always liked the game, having played it at the beach and on the intramural level. So, when they first offered it as a varsity sport two years ago, I joined up," he said.

His most memorable sports moment came just a few games ago when he executed a perfect "shoot" or spike. "We'd been working on that particular play for a while. It was nice to see it actually happen," Jeff noted.

His take on the varsity team goes like this: "We've done well, getting into the playoffs in our first two seasons. And our young kids are getting a lot of valuable experience, which will help next year."

His choice in food is anything edible.

Yellow is his favorite color.

A 2000 Celica would be Jeff's ride.

His taste in clothes runs to whatever is comfortable.

He likes country music.

"The Simpsons" tops the tube for him. "The Matrix" is his favorite flick.

Deborah is his mom. Peter is his dad. He has two brothers, Joe (a junior at the High School and a varsity volleyball player), Matt (21), and one sister, Gina (23).

The person he looks up to is his brother, Matt.

When his days as a Brownie are done, Jeff would like to be remembered as a good guy.

Volleyball Coach Pat Demers had this to say: "We never doubted Jeff's ability. He's a fast learner and accomplished a lot during his two years with us."

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At Oak Ridge On June 6th...

American Lung Assoc. Schedules 9th Annual Golf Tournament

The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts has announced that its Ninth Annual Six Flags Clean Air Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, June 6th at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills.

Registration for the tournament will be at 10:30 a.m., lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., and there will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The registration fee per player is \$125, which includes everything - a day of golf, cart, lunch, dinner, and prizes. There are several opportunities for corporate sponsorship as well.

Donald Rheault, chairperson of the tournament, said, "This is our opportunity to help the American Lung Association raise funds for its asthma education and research programs while we have a great day of golf at the same time. We are also very pleased that Six Flags of Agawam has agreed to be our major sponsor again this year."

Rheault added, "Where asthma education and research are concerned, the sooner we find the causes and cure, the better. The incidence of asthma and lung disease is rising faster than any other chronic condition in this country."

Bertera car dealerships will sponsor hole-in-one prizes on four of the par threes, including the chance to win a free two-year car lease on the eighth hole.

This tournament sold out last year, so interested players are encouraged to register early. Maximum number of players is 144. To register or for more information on the Six Flags Clean Air Classic Golf Tournament, please call the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts at (413) 737-3506 or 1-800-LUNG-USA.

Upcoming Events From The Westfield Riding Club

HORSE SHOW

The annual Westfield Riding Club Open Horse Show will be held at the club grounds on Sunday, June 4th. Grounds open at 7:00 a.m., with the show starting at 8:30 a.m. Food will be available.

Contact person for both shows is Alicia at the following E-mail address: Ermine373@aol.com.

CAMPOUT/TRAIL RIDE

The WRC will hold an overnight campout and trail ride at Knightsville Dam's Indian Hollow Group Campground on May 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th. Cost is \$5 per person, per night (or \$5 per day, if you are only riding for the day; this covers the use of the grounds).

This is a members' only event, but new members are welcome. Cost is \$15 for individual membership; \$25 for family.

For information, call Liz at (413) 848-2272 or Carol at (413) 667-8760.



THEY DON'T MIND GETTING "TEED OFF" FOR A GOOD CAUSE: Getting ready for the 10th Annual March of Dimes Invitational Golf Classic (from left to right) — Attorney E. Paul Amata (co-chair of the event); Gene Reopel, president and chief executive officer of United Industrial Service, Inc. (the main corporate sponsor); Susan Murray, vice-president of WMAS (the media sponsor of the tournament); and Tony Reopel, United Industrial Service, Inc. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

At Crestview Country Club...

10th Annual March Of Dimes Golf Classic Slated For Monday, June 5th

The March of Dimes is pleased to announce that the 10th Annual March of Dimes Invitational Golf Classic has been scheduled for Monday, June 5th, at Crestview Country Club in Agawam. A dinner and award ceremony will also be hosted at Crestview, following the tournament.

As you know, the March of Dimes fights birth defects and infant mortality. All of the funds raised at the golf tournament will be used by the March of Dimes in its ongoing research, health education, and community outreach programs.

Last year, we reported to you on a research breakthrough involving a cure for hemophilia in mice. We are extremely pleased to update that now.

At the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, three

patients have been treated successfully for hemophilia, and at the six-month mark are experiencing no adverse side effects and with blood clotting normally. This milestone was possible because of the ongoing support of people like you.

We want you to know the use to which the funds raised are put, and to let you know we appreciate your past and continuing support.

Please join us in making our 2000 tournament another successful and enjoyable event. For further information regarding the tournament (including registration details and sponsorship opportunities), please contact the Western Division office of the March of Dimes at 788-9775.

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Fitness First Indians	3	3
Coldwell Banker Royals	2	3
Allen Lawnmower Yankees	1	4
NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L
Responsive Trucking Giants	6	0
Luigi's Pizza Braves	5	1
CRW Landscapers Inc. Cubs	3	2
Breakers Billiard Dodgers	1	5
Eastern Electronics & Security Mets	0	6

Agawam Little League Major League Standings (As Of May 20th)

TEAMS	W	L
Service Matters Dodgers	6	0
Valenti's Restaurant Braves	5	1
Bridgeport National Bindery Royals	3	2
McNair Business Machine Mets	3	2
Six Flags New England Orioles	2	3
Teddy Bear Pools & Spas Yankees	2	3
Berkshire Power Indians	0	5
Cambridge Credit Counseling Red Sox	0	5

Feeding Hills Twins Take Level 5 Gymnastics States

Following the recent success of the Lee twins in Level 6 competition, the Malloy twins from Feeding Hills have taken the Women's Massachusetts State Level 5. The meet, which is the highest competition for the first competitive skill level of the sport, was held in Woburn.

Alicia and Katie Malloy, representing Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics of Agawam, competed in the 13 and older age group.

Alicia came out on top in the Uneven Bars event, scoring a 9.30, and captured thirds on Vault and Beam. Her All-Around total came up to 36.10 for the meet title.

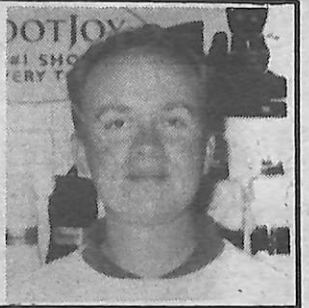
Katie led the Vault competition with a 9.25 score, and took a third on Bars and fourth on Floor and thus followed in second place with a 35.625 total.

Other team members with notable performances included Natalie Saimeri in the 9-10 age group, with a 34.125 All-Around; Amber Higley in the 11-12 age group, with an 8.85 on Beam; and Rachel Foltz, who scored an 8.70 on Bars.

This was the final competition for the Daggett women's team this year. All the girls look forward to returning to the gym to learn new skills in the hope of advancing to higher levels next year.

Golf Tip Of The Week...

by Eric Nelson, PGA
Head Golf Professional
Oak Ridge Golf Club
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Trouble Play — Your Top Priority

When you find yourself in rough, forget about pulling off a miraculous recovery and take the quickest and easiest way out.

Go to a wedge or 9-iron and hit to the nearest area of fairway (assuming you have an opening).

If you have a clean lie and can make a good swing at your ball, then you could be a bit more adventurous and go to a middle iron or a lofted wood.

Otherwise, play it safe. Average golfers waste too many strokes by attempting impossible shots that only put them in worse situations.

AIC Slates Day Camp For Girls' Basketball

American International College will be hosting a day camp for girls' basketball players on July 31st through August 4th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The camp will be for girls entering grades five through 12 and will specialize in improving one's shooting skills.

The camp will be held in AIC's Butova Gymnasium. In order to register or receive a brochure, please call Head Women's Basketball Coach Peter Cinella at (413) 747-2093.

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Babe Ruth Standings

Fran's Indians	1	4
Carlson GMAC Rockies	2	3
Berkshire Power Padres	4	0
Bill Walsh Royals	1	4
AIC Red Sox	2	2
Bridgeport Bindery Yankees	4	1

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On Monday, June 19th...

Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament To Be Held At 5 Courses

It's both Western Massachusetts' and the Jimmy Fund's largest golf tournament - the athletic and social event of the summer. Agawam residents Peter Clark and Tom Mathis have been instrumental in coordinating the 21st Annual Jimmy Fund Celebrity Golf Tournament Jeffrey Vinick Memorial, slated to be held on Monday, June 19th on five of the region's top golf courses. Slots are still open for players.

Thanks to the efforts of Clark and Mathis, as well as Dan Murphy of Olympic Manufacturing, the event should yield over \$275,000 for the Jimmy Fund.

Play in the event will take place on the Crumpin Fox in Bernardston, the Orchards Golf Club in South Hadley, the Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow, the Crestview Country Club in Agawam, and the Springfield Country Club in West Springfield. The \$200 entry fee for the tournament includes all golfing expenses and hospitality on the course, a goodie bag, plus a special lunch and dinner.

The tournament is played in honor of Jeffrey Vinick, who lost his battle to cancer at age 19 in 1982. It was founded by Jim Sadowsky, president of Williams Distributing Corp. in Springfield; Stuart Meyers, of Meyers Brothers in Longmeadow; and Myron Skolnick, formerly of Longmeadow and now residing in Florida.

Co-chairs of this year's event are Barbara Sadowsky and Andrew Cohen, both of Longmeadow, and Anthony Frasco of Southwick.

All funds raised benefit the Jimmy Fund, which supports groundbreaking cancer research at the world-renowned Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. To date, the event has raised nearly \$2.5 million to support the effort to find a cure for cancer.

Sponsored by Waste Management of Western Massachusetts and a slew of other area businesses, the Jimmy Fund Celebrity Golf Tournament is played in a modified scramble format and both individual players and teams are welcome. More than 600 golfers are expected to participate in the 2000 event.

American Airlines, Dunkin Donuts, Polaroid, and Spalding are overall sponsors of the Jimmy Fund Program.

Celebrities expected to play in the event include former Boston Red Sox players and local and regional media personalities.

Those who are not golfers may still help in the fight against cancer and be a part of this event by attending the post-tournament dinner at Chez Josef in Agawam featuring a live and silent auction. Items up for bid include sports memorabilia and trips to top vacation destinations in Europe and the United States.

Tickets are \$65 for the dinner and are available, along with an application to participate in the golf tournament, by calling the Western Massachusetts Jimmy Fund Office at (413) 567-0651 or 1-888-546-6938.

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Thinking About Bass...

When water levels return to near normal in the Connecticut River, an angler's fancy turns to bass. Both large-mouth and small-mouth bass are there for the taking. If you haven't tried fishing for river small-mouth, give it a try. You won't be disappointed.

In river fishing, structure is just as important as in fishing a lake or pond. Fish relate to structure, and locating the right structure is the key to fishing success. The factor of current in a river gives structure a special significance. Bars, points, wing dams, and boulders may form current breaks and serve as ambush points for predatory fish such as bass, pike, walleye, and crappies.

When fishing obvious and visible structure such as points and bars, keep in mind that the fish will always be facing the current. Points of land, man-made structures, and underwater bars will change the direction of the current.

Even a relatively small point of land can cause the current to not only change course, but may set up a circular flow in the opposite direction. This is the ideal ambush point for predatory fish and astute fishermen. Remember that the fish will always be facing into the current. Interruptions in the current will cause the fish to orient themselves in the direction of the current flow.

Smaller bait fish may become temporarily disoriented by the sudden change of direction, and give that hungry predator an easy meal. When presenting lures or baits either immediately upstream or downstream of such a current break, watch the direction of the water flow. The fish will face into the current, and not necessarily face upstream.

Don't forget to make multiple presentations at likely-looking structures, making sure to cover both the upstream and downstream portions.

On rivers such as the Connecticut River, water releases from upstream dams can have a profound effect on more than just the water level. Fish-holding patterns that work during the week, may be useless on the weekend, when power demand is lowest. Power companies often allow

water to accumulate above the dam on weekends, to provide ample generating capacity for industrial use during the week, when demand is heaviest.

Just remember some of the basic keys to fishing current and apply common sense to the situations you encounter. Increased success is yours for the taking.

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Connecticut River, Holyoke to Enfield: Shad are the hot item for the next couple of weeks. Striper activity has been VERY slow. The combination of very high water levels and very low herring numbers has produced less-than-spectacular results this year.

Connecticut River, Enfield and south: Shad are still being taken in the Connecticut River and its tributaries. Stripped bass are in the river and feeding on blueback herring. The Enfield Dam is giving up some stripers, and the area between the dam and the Rt. 140 bridge is also reported to be producing. Freshly-caught live herring is the most often reported bait. Artificials include the new Top Dog from L&S Mirrolure, Rebels, and saltwater-sized Sluggos.

Saunders Marina at Congamond Lakes reports that some nice large-mouth are hitting plastic lizards fished Carolina style, with medium-weight rigs. Shallow structure is accounting for some heavyweights. Trout action is still available for those anglers who know how to fish deeper. Downrigger fishermen and lead core trollers are doing okay during the feeding periods.

Hampden Ponds continue to give up a mixed bag of warm-water species, along with stocked trout.

Lake Ontario fishing has produced some fine trophy browns and the usual mix of lakies and salmon. Once the thermal bars set up and stabilize, locating fish should become easier.

SALT WATER

Long Island Sound to Point Judith, Rhode Island: Rumors of some cow bass being taken at night by surf fishermen have yet to be validated with pictures. Schoolie bass are showing up everywhere, and a few large fish are mixed in with them. Danny plugs and the new Atom baits are reported to be HOT.

The chunk-and-dunk crowd seems to be doing just fine on herring and bunker chunks. Boat fishermen are reporting success fishing the usual rips.

Off-shore party boats are reporting mostly successful cod trips. Several of the party boat fleets are offering two- and three-day distant water marathon trips. If this type of fishing is your cup of tea, check into some of these multiple-day bargains.

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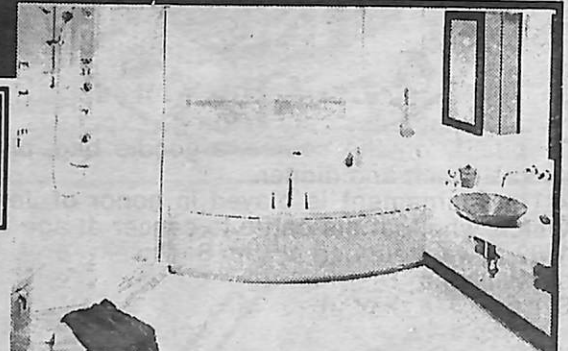
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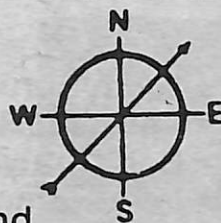
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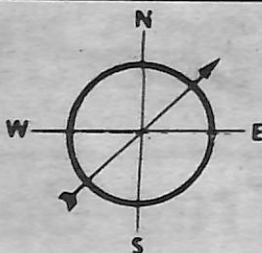
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AGAWAM — FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3 or 4 bedroom home. Huge kit., living rm. with fireplace, newly remodeled. Move-in condition. Call 736-2261.

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TAG SALE

OLLIE BARN SALE: Treasures and trash. Saturday, May 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 405 North Stone Street, West Suffield, CT.

PERSONAL

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail)

Oh Most Beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me, here you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

M.L.J.

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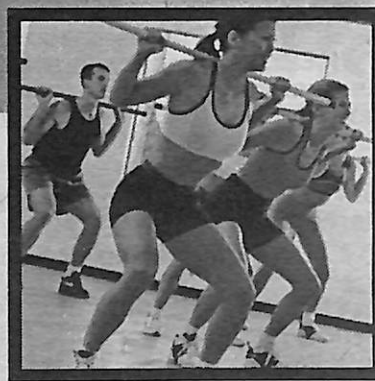
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